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CHARACTERS

Mamoru
Nanami's shikigami.
Nanami Momozono
A high school student who was turned into a kamisama by the tochigami Mikage.

Tomoe
The shinshi who serves Nanami now that she's a tochigami. Originally a wild fox ayakashi. He was recently transformed into a fox...

Kotetsu
Onibi-warashi, spirit of the Mikage shrine.

Onikiri
Onibi-warashi, spirit of the Mikage shrine.

Story so far

Nanami Momozono is a high school student who was evicted from her home when her dad skipped town.
She meets the tochigami Mikage in a park, and he leaves his shrine and his kami powers to her.
Now Nanami spends her days with Tomoe and Mizuki, her shinshi, and with Onikiri and Kotetsu, the onibi-warashi spirits of the shrine.
Nanami has been slowly gaining powers as kamisama by holding a festival at her shrine, attending a big kami conference, and all sorts of other adventures.
Nanami's and Tomoe's feelings for each other are finally out in the open and they have started to date!
When Tomoe realizes how fleeting human life spans are, he drinks the water of evolution to become human so he can live out his life with Nanami. But instead, he's transformed into a fox. Okuninushi can turn Tomoe back into an ayakashi, but before they can ask for his help, someone steals his soul. So Nanami and company head to the Land of the Dead to track down the thief...

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THE NEXT DAY...
...WE DECIDED TO HEAD FOR THE LAND OF THE DEAD...
...WITH WHAT LITTLE INFORMATION WE HAD.
ALL RIGHT, EVERYONE ...

...THIS HOLE ...
...LEADS TO THE LAND OF THE DEAD.
IT'S A GATE WE KAMI USE TO FORMALLY ENTER AND EXIT THE REALM.
WE'RE HEADING TO THE LAND OF THE DEAD AGAIN...
WHO IS THIS WOMAN TO YOU?
NANAMI WAS HIS TARGET...

...EVEN BACK THEN.
WE'LL FIND KIRIHITO AND RESCUE ÔKUNINUSHI!
AND ÔKUNINUSHI CAN TURN TOMOE BACK INTO AN AYAKASHI AS A REWARD! PERFECT!
WE'RE READY! LET'S GO TO THE LAND OF THE DEAD!
WHY IS SHE SO HYPER TODAY?
NO! WHY?! I'M COMING WITH YOU!
UM... YOU SHOULD STAY BEHIND WITH TOMOE...
IDIOT!
YOU STAY BEHIND!
YOU STAY WITH TOMOE.
CHII.
CHIIII ...
SORRY, MAMORU.

I'M GOING TO THE LAND OF THE DEAD.
AND I'LL MAKE SURE I KILL AKURA-OH.
AKURA-OH IS UP TO SOMETHING.
HE POSSESSED A HUMAN BODY TO SURVIVE. HE STILL HASN'T ACCEPTED DEFEAT.
MORE-OVER ...
GLINT
...THIS FOX IS HIS COMRADE!
HE MUST'VE BEEN CONSPIRING WITH AKURA-OH AND DUPING US ALL ALONG!
SWING

HMPH.
THAT'S NOT TRUE! TOMOE BECAME A SHINSHI OF MIKAGE SHRINE!
HE SHOULD'VE BEEN EXTERMINATED WITH AKURA-OH.
I'LL KILL YOU NOW!
ENOUGH.
WE SHOULD RESCUE ÔKUNINUSHI'S SOUL FIRST.

TOSS
DON'T TELL ME WHAT TO DO!
WHY DON'T YOU HURRY TO THE LAND OF THE DEAD INSTEAD OF HANGING AROUND ARGUING?
TAKE-HAYA.
IMAGINE THE CALAMITIES IF WE DON'T CAPTURE AKURA-OH BEFORE HE RETRIEVES HIS BODY.
I'LL GO TO THE LAND OF THE DEAD AND EXTERMINATE AKURA-OH ONCE AND FOR ALL.
STAY HERE SO YOU DON'T GET IN THE WAY.
AND WATCH THAT FOX SO HE DOESN'T DO ANYTHING EVIL!

WOW.
SO MANY OF THEM ...
I HOPE KIRIHITO ISN'T KILLED.
THEY'LL EASILY DESTROY AKURA-OH.
I'LL KILL HIM IF THEY DON'T.

I DON'T WANT...
...TO HEAR YOU SAY THE WORD "KILL."
YANK
?!
BUT HE'LL COME KILL YOU.
BECAUSE YUKIJI ...
BECAUSE AKURA-OH KILLED YUKIJI.

Y...
YUKIJI? WHAT HAPPENED TO HER?
YUKIJI TOLD ME TO KILL AKURA-OH.
YUKIJI WOULD NEVER—
...
WELL, MAYBE SHE WOULD...
SHE DID SAY YOU SHOULD DIE.
FLOP
I CAN'T TELL HER ABOUT YUKIJI.
I DON'T WANT TO SEE ...
...THE HURT ON HER FACE ...
I HATE THE WAY YOU KEEP SECRETS FROM ME...

...BROTHER.
WHEN YOU HIDE THINGS FROM ME, I CAN'T STOP MYSELF FROM SEARCHING FOR THEM.
AND I'M GOOD AT FINDING THEM, AREN'T I?

YUKIJI...
TOMOE.
WAIT.
TOMOE ...
DON'T DIE.
THERE'S SOMETHING ...
...I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO SAY TO YOU...

...
WHAT...?
THANK YOU.

...THAT DAY.

I'M READY!
LET'S GO!
OTOHIKO-GAMI. WHY ARE YOU WEARING THAT?
I DON'T WANT THE STENCH GETTING ON ME.
I'M SENSITIVE!
NOW ...
...LET US GO...
...TO THE LAND OF THE DEAD.
I'LL ...
...SETTLE EVERY-THING.
TOMOE.

LET'S GO.
TO THE LAND OF THE DEAD.

CRUNCH
THE LAND OF THE DEAD...
...STINKS, AS USUAL.
I WANT TO WRAP THIS UP QUICK AND GO HOME.
YOU'RE SLOW, KIKU-ICHI.
ARE YOU WAITING FOR YATORI?!
F-FORGIVE ME.
RRRUMBLE

BOOM
SHP
WATCH OUT, KIRIHITO-SAMA!
CRACKLE
CRACK
THE GROUND IS CRACKING?!
FIND HIM!
A THIEF IS HIDING SOME-WHERE IN THE LAND OF THE DEAD!

FWOOSH
MAKE THE FOUNTAINS RUN DRY!
BURN THE FORESTS!
BOOM
CRUSH THE ROCKS!
I'LL SLAY HIM WHEN I SEE HIM.
FWOOSH
AKURA-OH IS HEADED TO THE MOUNTAIN OF FLAMES.
LEAVE NO TREE STANDING. MAKE THIS AREA BARREN.
HEEEEY, WAR KAMI-EOW!
HMPH!
IZANAMI-SAMAEOW IS ANGRY!
I WON'T LET YOU TEAR THINGS UP ANYMEOW!
GYAH!

THIS IS A MATTER CONCERNING ÔKUNINUSHI. WE MUST CONTINUE!
TELL IZANAMI-SAMA SO.
DAMN!
WHO IS THAT GUY?
KIRIHITO-SAMA, THIS PLACE IS DANGEROUS.
LET US RETREAT FOR NOW.
...
YOU HORRID WAR KAMI

Hello!

Thank you for picking up this volume of *Kamisama Kiss*!!

THANK YOU!

Enjoy your reading!

~Juli

FLASH

I RULE OVER THE LAND OF THE DEAD.

I WILL NOT ALLOW YOU TO DO AS YOU PLEASE!

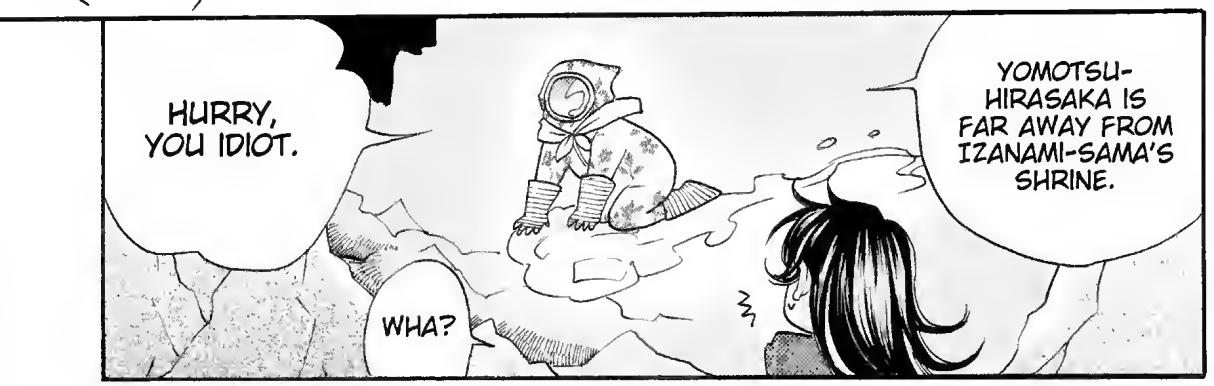
HOW DARE YOU COME HERE AND ACT THUS, WITHOUT MY PERMISSION!

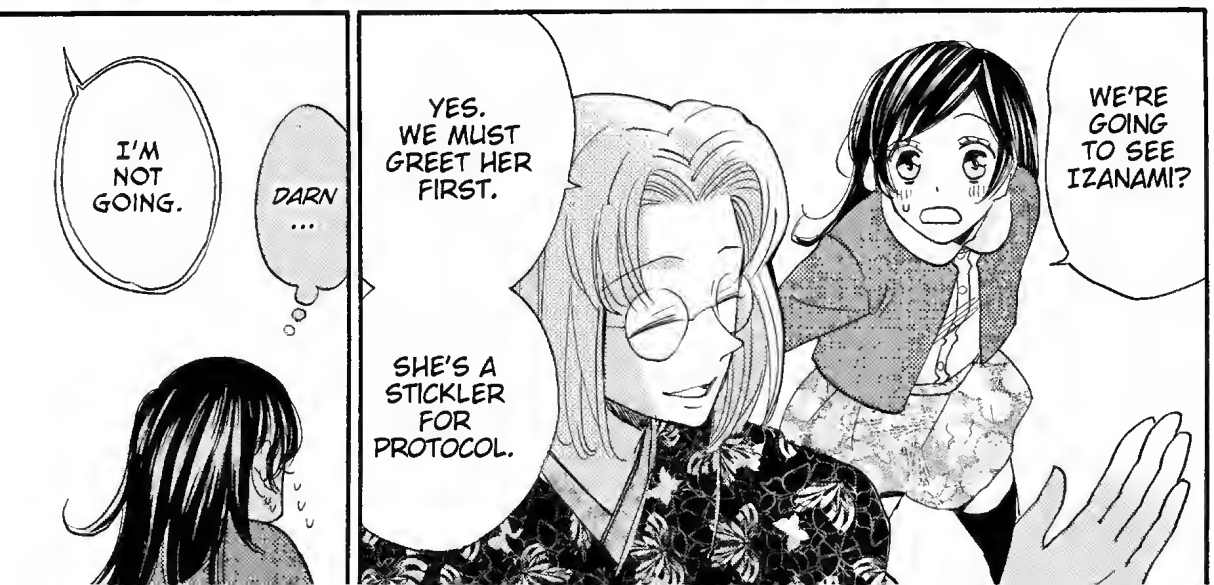
DO YOU THINK YOU CAN SLIGHT ME...

...FOR ÔKUNINUSHI'S SAKE?

DUH-T
...
WHAT IS THAT NOISE?
WAR KAMI-SAMA! THIS IS BAD!
THE GATE HAS BEEN CLOSED!
FWOOOOO
...IS BEING SHROUDED IN DARKNESS!
THE LAND OF THE DEAD...
WHAT ?!
FWOOO

HERE, NANAMI-CHAN. ♡
WATCH YOUR STEP. ♡
THANKS, MIZUKI.
LAST TIME, I ENTERED AT YOMOTSU-HIRASAKA...
...BUT NOW WE'RE ON A DIFFERENT PATH.


YOMOTSU-HIRASAKA IS FAR AWAY FROM IZANAMI-SAMA'S SHRINE.
WHA?
HURRY, YOU IDIOT.


WE'RE GOING TO SEE IZANAMI?
YES. WE MUST GREET HER FIRST.
SHE'S A STICKLER FOR PROTOCOL.
DARN...
I'M NOT GOING.

I FOUGHT WITH IZANAMI'S SHISHI LAST TIME...
...SO I SHOULD STAY BEHIND.
HUH?
HOW COULD YOU...?
Ah-ha.
SO YOU'RE SCARED OF IZANAMI-SAMA?

THUD.

WHA? WHAT'S GOING ON?!
OH NO! IT'S COMPLETELY DARK.
DID THE GATE CLOSE?!

IZANAMI-SAMA HAS CLOSED ALL THE ENTRANCES TO THE LAND OF THE DEAD...
...JUST LIKE AMATERASU THE SUN KAMI ONCE CLOSED AMA-NO-IWATO.
WHAA ?
IZANAMI-SAMA IS ANGRY...
NO LIGHT WILL REACH US NOW.
IT WILL BE DIFFICULT TO FIND AKURA-OH, IF HE'S EVEN HERE.
HE'S HERE.
I CAN TELL.
Wah!
WE WON'T BE ABLE TO LEAVE EITHER!
I SHOULD'VE BROUGHT AN OVER-NIGHT BAG!
AKURA-OH WON'T BE ABLE TO LEAVE EITHER.

HOW CAN YOU TELL?
IF YOU WANT LIGHT...
...GO SEE IZANAMI AND HUMOR HER.
I'LL WAIT HERE.

THEN I'LL STAY WITH YOU.
YOU STAY WITH MIKAGE.

I CAN'T PROTECT YOU...
...IN THIS FORM.
I'M SO FRUS-TRATED.

TOMOE IS RIGHT, NANAMI-SAN.
LET'S HURRY SO WE CAN RETURN QUICKLY.
OKAY ...
I'M SO MAD AT MYSELF ...
...FOR BEING POWER-LESS.
WILL I REALLY BE ABLE ...
YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO DO A WHOLE LOT OF THINGS ONCE YOU BECOME HUMAN.
...TO LIVE AS A HUMAN?

I DON'T LIKE HUMANS.
I DON'T WANT TO BECOME HUMAN.
THE WOMAN I FELL IN LOVE WITH ONLY HAPPENS TO BE HUMAN.
...
IT'S GETTING COLD.
THE LAND IS STARTING TO FREEZE WITHOUT LIGHT...

YOU'LL NEVER ...
...UNDER-STAND HOW I FEEL...
...
A FOX ...

...AKURA-
OH.

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KAMI OF THE LIVING WORLD...
...WELCOME TO IZANAMI-SAMA'S SHRINE.
I NEVER IMAGINED...
...I'D COME HERE AGAIN...
UM... MIKAGE-SAN?
YES?

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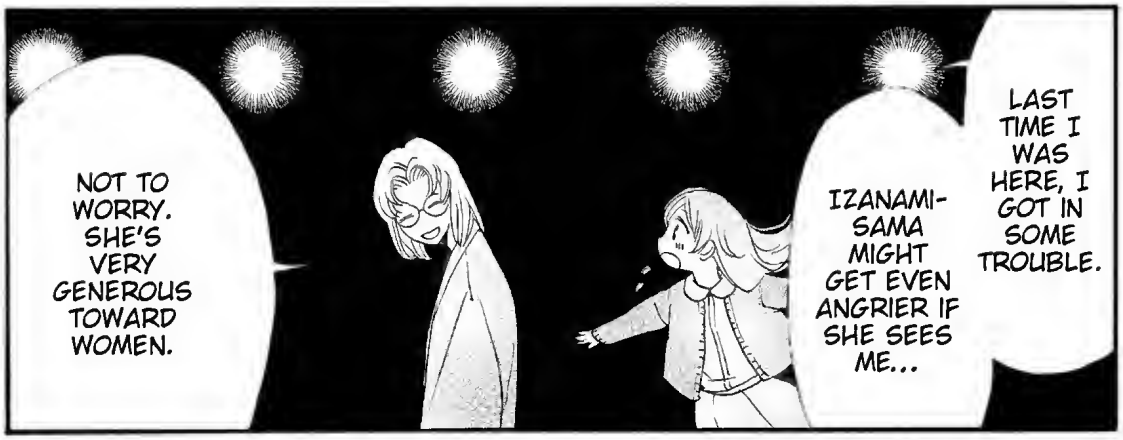
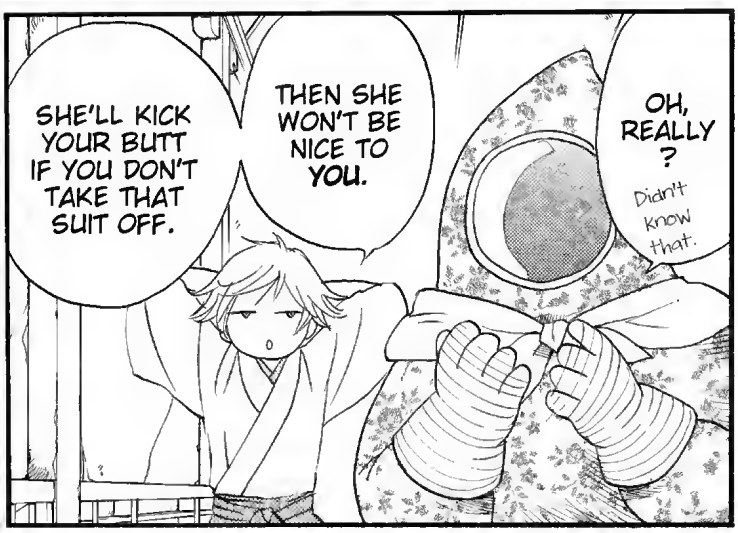
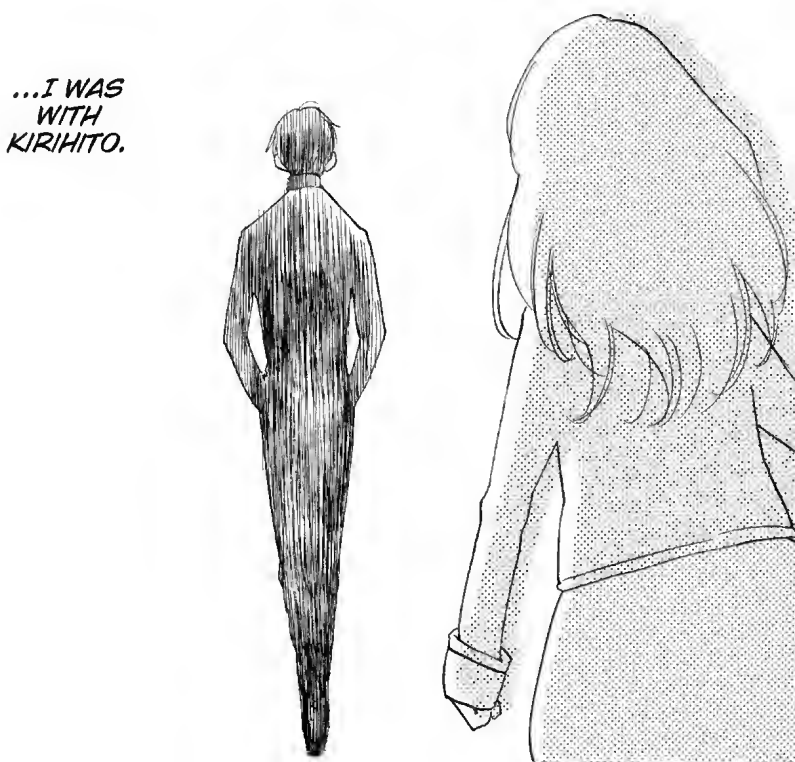

NOT TO WORRY. SHE'S VERY GENEROUS TOWARD WOMEN.
IZANAMI-SAMA MIGHT GET EVEN ANGRIER IF SHE SEES ME...
LAST TIME I WAS HERE, I GOT IN SOME TROUBLE.

THE LAST TIME I WAS HERE...
Sheesh how rude!


SHE'LL KICK YOUR BUTT IF YOU DON'T TAKE THAT SUIT OFF.
THEN SHE WON'T BE NICE TO YOU.
OH, REALLY?
Didn't know that.

I HOPE IZANAMI-SAMA WILL REOPEN THE GATE.
HE HAS NO TACT.
THE WAR KAMI FORGOT HIS MANNERS.


...I WAS WITH KIRIHITO.

MIKAGE-SAN.
YES?
SHE'LL OPEN IT FOR ÔKUNINUSHI'S SAKE.
WE MUST ALSO PREVENT THE RESURRECTION OF AKURA-OH.
YOU WON'T KILL KIRIHITO, WILL YOU?
...BUT HE'S IN A HUMAN BODY RIGHT NOW.
AKURA-OH IS A TERRIFYING YOKAI...
GRIND GRIND
SHUT UP, GIRL.
Ow, ow!
AKURA-OH IS INSIDE HIM!
HE'S DIFFERENT FROM OTHER YOKAI!
NO.
...

AKURA-OH...
WHAT IS AKURA-OH ANYWAY?
HOW IS HE DIFFERENT FROM ORDINARY YOKAI?
UNLIKE MOST YOKAI, AKURA-OH CAN NEVER BE DESTROYED.
AND THAT...
...IS A THREAT.

SO...
...THERE ARE FOXES IN THE LAND OF THE DEAD TOO.

A FRAIL LIVING CREATURE SHIVERING AGAINST A ROCK.
YOUR FUR LOOKS WARM...

HOW IRONIC.
YOU HAVE BECOME...
...WHAT YOU MOST LOATHED, A HUMAN WORM...
...AND YET YOU CAN'T GIVE UP ON LIFE.
BUT THIS TIME...
...I WILL END YOU.
IS THAT...
...REALLY YOU, AKURA-OH?

GRAB
I NEVER IMAGINED ANIMALS LIVING HERE.
KIKUICHI! HOW FAR DID YOU GO?! I'M COLD!
EXCUSE ME, KIRIHITO-SAMA.
I WAS LOOKING FOR SOME DRY GRASS.
WOOSH
STAY OUT OF MY WAY!
YOU CUR!

!
KIRI-HITO-SAMA.
THIS ISN'T AN ORDINARY FOX!
AN ORDINARY FOX WOULDN'T BE HERE.
IT MUST BE A FOX OF THE LAND OF THE DEAD.
JUST LIGHT A FIRE, KIKUICHI.
I'M FREEZ-ING!
THE WAR KAMI WILL FIND US IF WE LIGHT A FIRE.
PLEASE COVER YOURSELF WITH THIS GRASS TO KEEP WARM.
HE'S A SHIKIGAMI...
YATORI MUST BE AROUND HERE TOO.
I HAVE TO KILL AKURA-OH NOW!

LEAP
I CAN KILL YOU NOW BECAUSE YOU'RE HUMAN!
I ONLY NEED TO REND YOUR THROAT!

KIRIHITO-SAMA.
GRAB
THIS FOX SEEMS VIOLENT.
WE SHOULD KILL IT.
NO.

I DON'T ...
...HATE FOXES.
HEY, FOX.
COME HERE.

I just bought a pair of glasses to protect my eyes.

They filter out blue light and I find that reassuring!

I also wear them when I use my smart phone. I haven't bought glasses in a long time. They've become very light!

I take care of my cat's eyes too.

I apply eyedrops every day, but the eye goop won't go away.

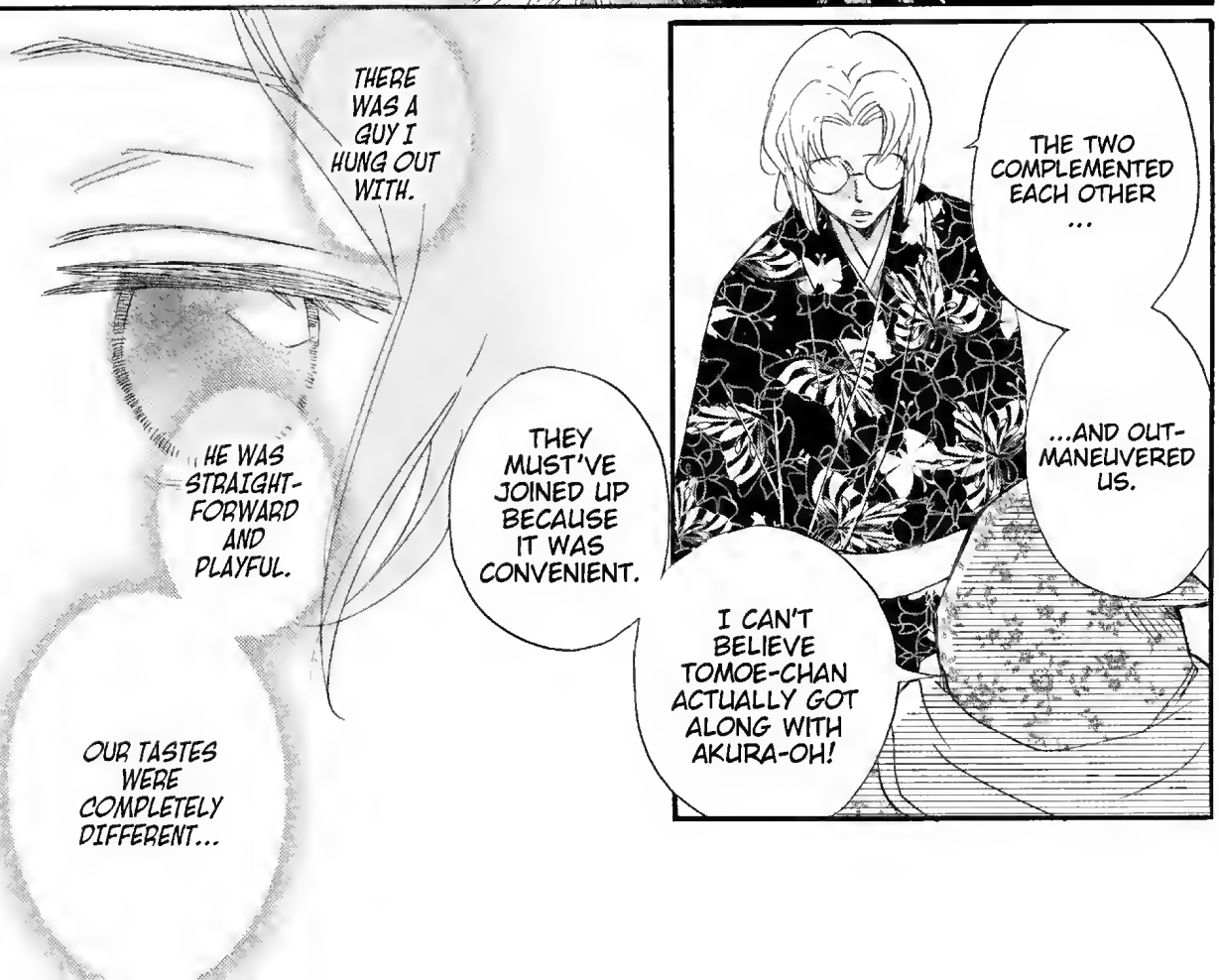
AKURA-OH IS A MUTATION.

HIS BODY REGENERATES INFINITELY WITHOUT DETERIORATION.
HE'S IMMORTAL.
EVEN ÔKUNINUSHI-SAMA CAN'T DESTROY HIM.
AKURA-OH CAN NEVER DIE.
HE CANNOT DIE...
HE WILL NEVER REALIZE HOW PRECIOUS LIFE IS.
THAT'S WHY AKURA-OH IS INDIFFERENT TO PAIN.
HE FINDS EVEN HIS OWN EXISTENCE TRIVIAL.

HE CAN LOVE NEITHER HIMSELF NOR OTHERS.
THE DAY AKURA-OH WAS BORN...
...A THUNDER-BOLT FELL ON IZUMO'S SACRED TREE...
...AND OKUNINUSHI-SAMA SHED TEARS.
ONE WHO SHOULD NOT EXIST HAS BEEN BORN INTO THIS WORLD.

IT WAS PROPHETIC.
AKURA-OH COMMITTED ALL MANNER OF EVIL.
NEWS OF HIS VILE ACTS REACHED IZUMO, AND WE KAMI COULDN'T IGNORE HIM ANY LONGER.
ÔKUNINUSHI-SAMA TRIED ALL KINDS OF WAYS TO STOP HIM.
SIGH
IT...
...WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN SO HARD IF THE FOOL HAD BEEN ON HIS OWN.
IT REALLY SUCKED ...
...THAT TOMOE WAS ALWAYS AT AKURA-OH'S SIDE.

AKURA-OH FACED OUR ATTACKS HEAD-ON...
...WHILE TOMOE PICKED US OFF FROM THE SIDE.
AKURA-OH WASN'T CLEAR-HEADED...
...BUT HE WAS FINE...
...AS LONG AS HE LISTENED TO TOMOE.


THERE WAS A GUY I HUNG OUT WITH.
HE WAS STRAIGHT-FORWARD AND PLAYFUL.
OUR TASTES WERE COMPLETELY DIFFERENT...
THEY MUST'VE JOINED UP BECAUSE IT WAS CONVENIENT.
I CAN'T BELIEVE TOMOE-CHAN ACTUALLY GOT ALONG WITH AKURA-OH!
THE TWO COMPLEMENTED EACH OTHER ...
...AND OUT-MANEUVERED US.

...BUT I FOUND HIM...
NO...
THEY WERE FRIENDS.

CAUGHT YOU OFF GUARD, AKURA-OH!
I'VE GOT ENOUGH POWER LEFT TO KILL YOU.
I'LL BITE OUT YOUR THROAT.
I'LL BITE OFF—

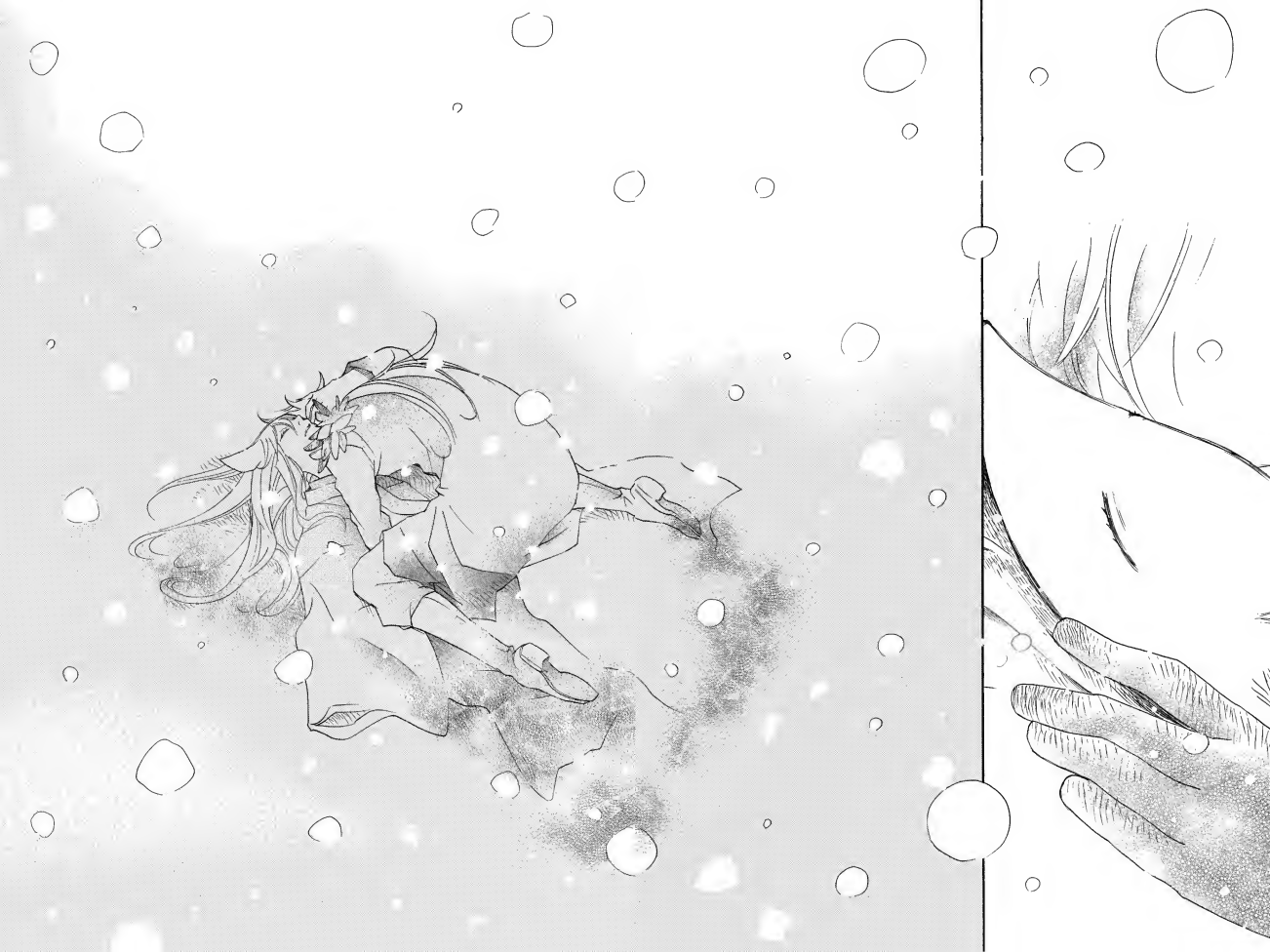
HE'S CAPRICIOUS AND GREEDY.

SMILE, BROTHER.
SMILE.
YOU STEAL ANYTHING YOU DESIRE.
YOU DESTROY WHAT YOU DON'T LIKE.
THERE IS NOTHING IN THE WORLD...
...THAT'S PRECIOUS TO YOU, INCLUDING YOUR OWN LIFE.

YOU'LL NEVER UNDER-STAND MY PAIN...
...OR LOSS...
YOUR FUR IS...
...WARM.
OH.
I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE COLD...

IT SNOWS EVEN HERE.
BECAUSE THAT'S...
...WHAT YOU ARE.
IT'S COLD ...
I FEEL SLEEPY ...

BEING HUMAN ...
...IS SO INCONVENIENT ...
...BROTHER ...



TIME
TO SAY
GOODBYE...

...AKURA-OH.

AH HA HA!
IT HAS BEEN A WHILE, NANAMI.

THIS TIME...
...I SHALL HAVE YOU AS A PLAYMATE. ♡

EXCUSE ME FOR KEEPING YOU WAITING.
YOUR FAITHFUL SERVANT YATORI HAS ARRIVED. ♡
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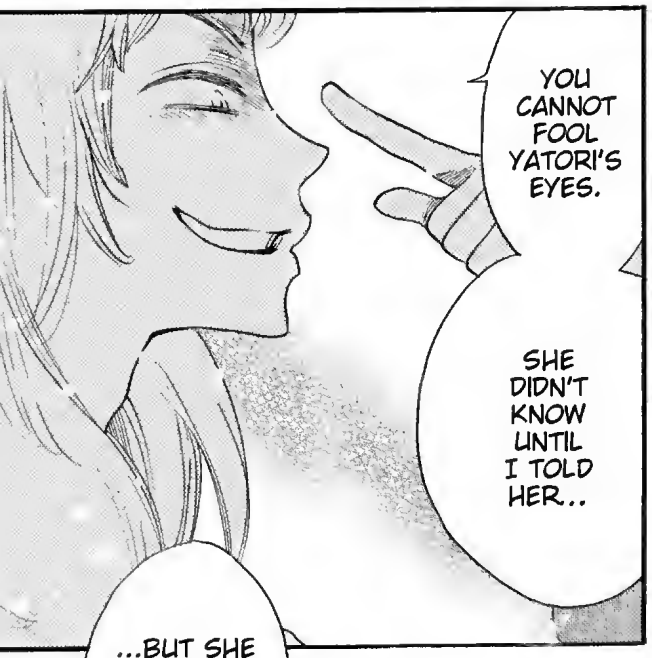
YA-TORI.
DAMN!
I WAITED TOO LONG!
GET AWAY FROM THAT FOX, KIRIHITO-DONO.
FWOOSH
THAT IS TOMOE.
HE CANNOT FOOL YATORI'S EYES.

HE'S TOMOE?
BUT...
YES!
SHEESH! KIKUICHI-DONO IS USELESS!
...HIS POWERS ARE VERY WEAK.
HAS HE DEVOLVED INTO A BEAST?
YOU'VE GOT GUTS, COMING HERE ALONE...
...WHEN WE HAVE ÔKUNINUSHI'S SOUL.

HAVE YOU LOST ALL HOPE?
OR HAVE YOU COME ...
...FOR REVENGE?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
?
...AND HAS AT MOST SIX MONTHS TO LIVE.
DON'T YOU KNOW ?
NANAMI-SAN IS ILL...

I REGRET TO TELL YOU IT'S TRUE.
DON'T LIE.


YOU CANNOT FOOL YATORI'S EYES.
SHE DIDN'T KNOW UNTIL I TOLD HER..

...BUT SHE SEEMED TO UNDER-STAND WHY...
...AND WAS IN TEARS AS SHE ACCEPTED HER FATE.

I WANTED TO SEE...
...YOU.
I MET A YOKAI NAMED YATORI...
...ON MY WAY HERE.
YOU'RE LYING!
HOW COULD YOU JOKE LIKE THAT?!
HEY, TOMOE.

FLASH
NANAMI.
LET ME HELP YOU, TOMOE.
IF YOU LOVE ME...
...I WANT YOU TO ACCEPT HOW I EXPRESS MY LOVE.

HE FELL OFF THE CLIFF.
TOMOE-DONO IS SO UNLUCKY.
KIRI-HITO-DONO!
YOU HAVE NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT, NOW THAT I AM HERE.
LET US HEAD FOR THE MOUN-TAIN OF FLAMES.
BMFF
STOP GRINNING.

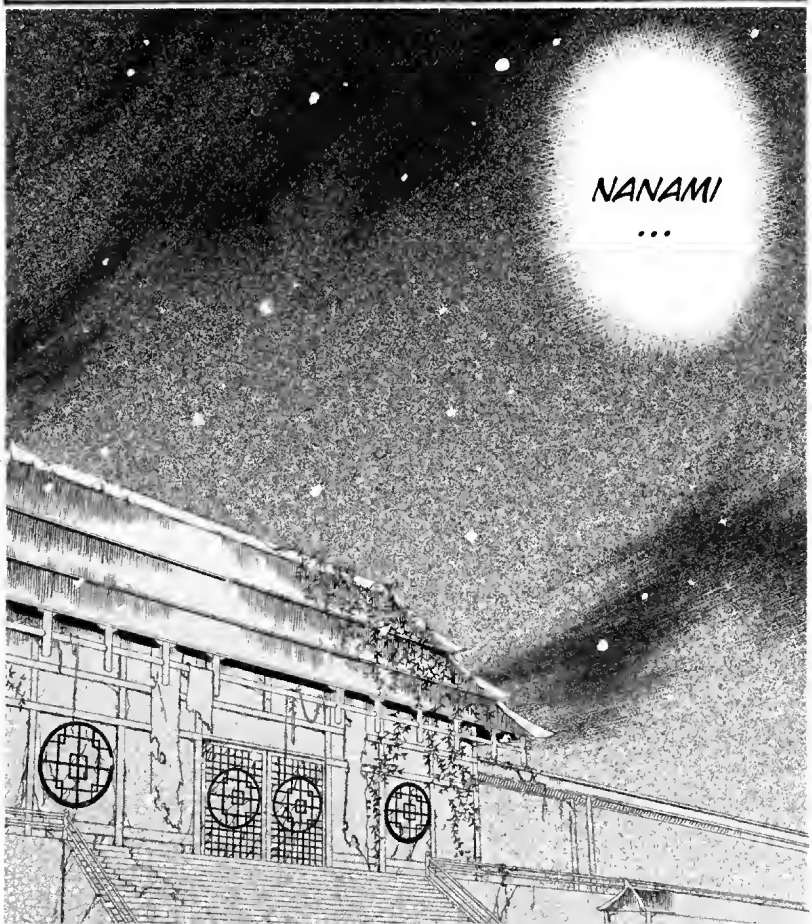
My editor went to see a Tasha Tudor exhibition and bought a book for me!

I feel so happy every time I read it...♡

I didn't know about Tasha (she's an American picture book writer), so I've been buying and reading her other photography books and feeling soooooo happy while reading them.

I live in an apartment, so I don't have a garden, but I really adore lovely gardens like Tasha's.

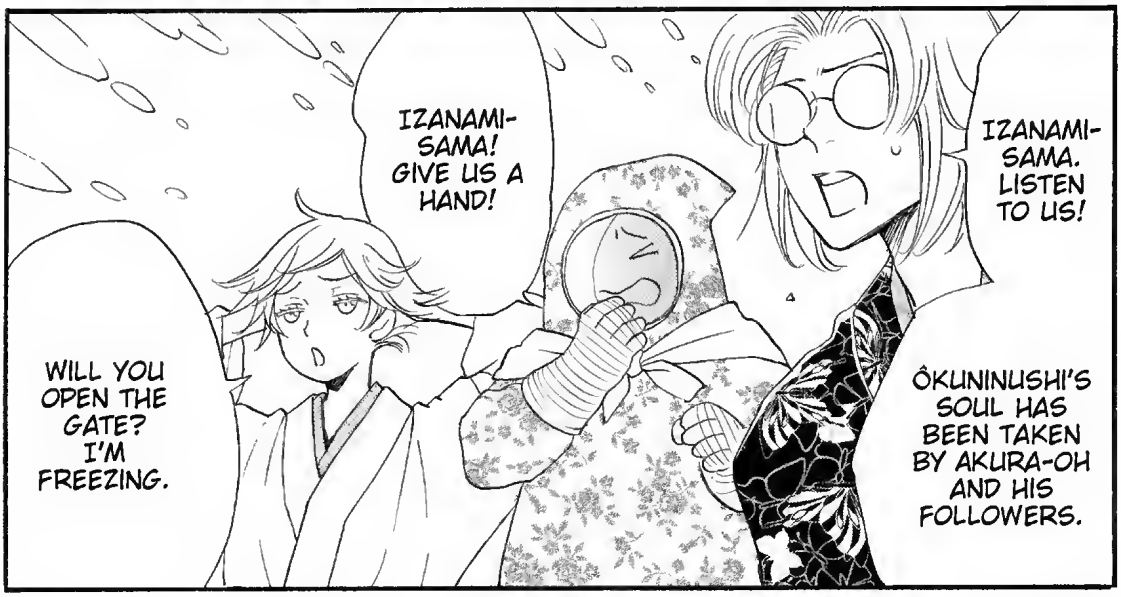
I plan to open one of her books tonight and fall asleep feeling veeery happy.



FWOO
IT'S COLD.
THAT'S BECAUSE THERE'S NO SUNLIGHT.
OTO-HIKO, LEND ME YOUR SUIT IF YOU'RE TAKING IT OFF.
WHY?
BECAUSE NANAMI-CHAN IS MUCH MORE FRAGILE THAN YOU.
SHEESH, YOU'D THINK SHE WAS THE ONLY FEMALE HERE!
THIS IS WHY I HATE WOMEN!
WE'RE HERE.
THIS IS IZANAMI-SAMA'S TEAROOM.

SWF
THIS LOOKS DIFFERENT FROM LAST TIME...
YOU MUST NOT ENTER!
JOLT
IZA-NAMI'S ...
...TEA-ROOM ?
MY TEA-ROOM IS A GARDEN FOR LADIES.
IZA-NAMI ...
I WILL NOT ALLOW YOU TO ENTER WHILE DRESSED LIKE MEN.
IT'S ME... NANAMI MOMO-ZONO.
I'M SORRY I TRICKED YOU LAST TIME.

IT HAS BEEN A WHILE, NANAMI.

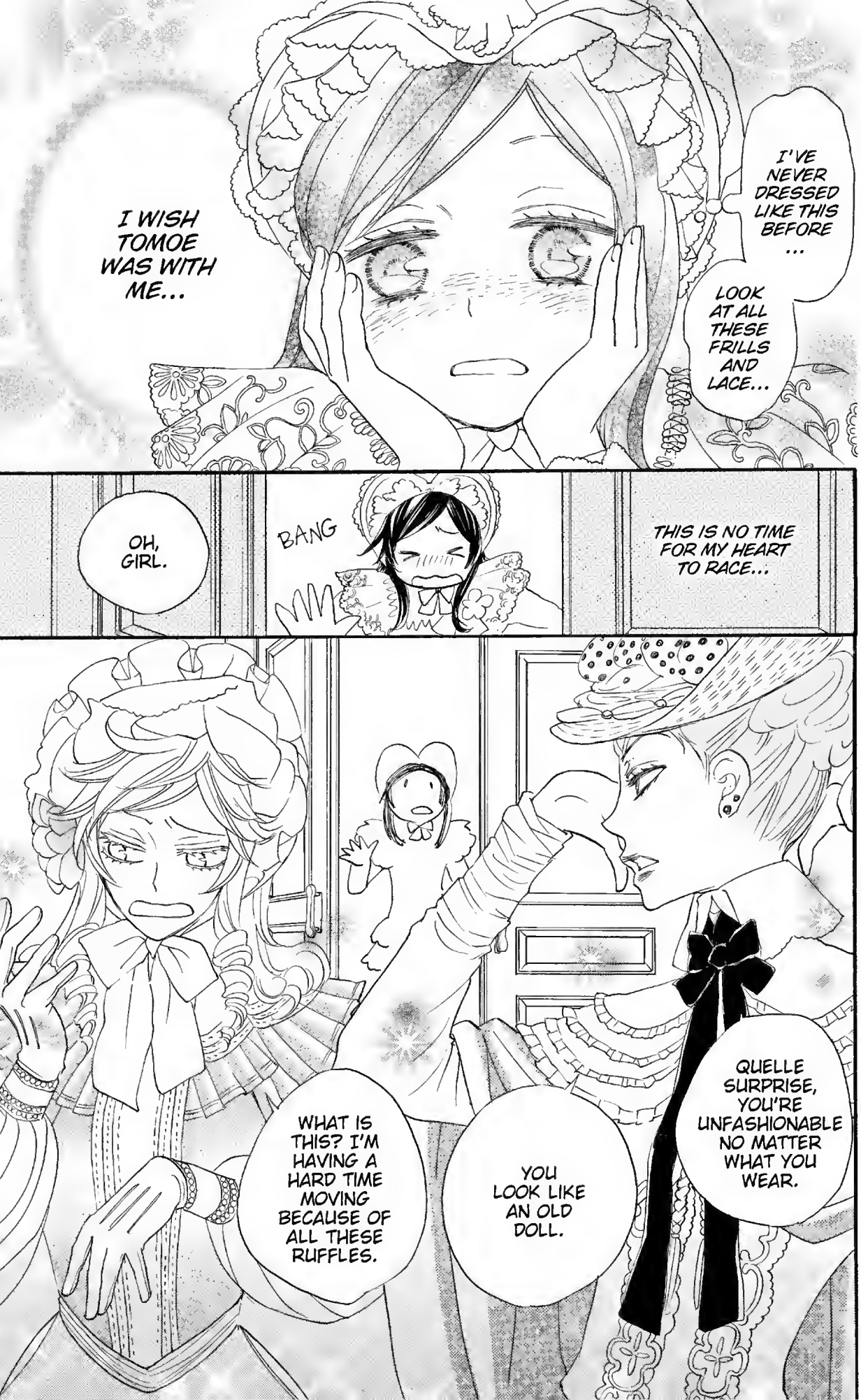

IZANAMI-SAMA! GIVE US A HAND!
IZANAMI-SAMA. LISTEN TO US!
WILL YOU OPEN THE GATE? I'M FREEZING.
ÔKUNINUSHI'S SOUL HAS BEEN TAKEN BY AKURA-OH AND HIS FOLLOWERS.

FWOOSH
NONE OF MY BUSI-NESS.

HOW-EVER...
...IF YOU COME INSIDE APPROPRIATELY DRESSED FOR TEA...
...I WOULDN'T MIND HEARING YOU OUT.

HUH?
WHY DO WE HAVE TO DO THIS?
WE HAVE TO HURRY...!
YOU ARE READY.
...AND GET TOMOE TURNED BACK INTO AN AYAKASHI.
TOMOE IS WAITING OUTSIDE.
WE HAVE TO FIND KIRIHITO, RESCUE ŌKUNINUSHI ...

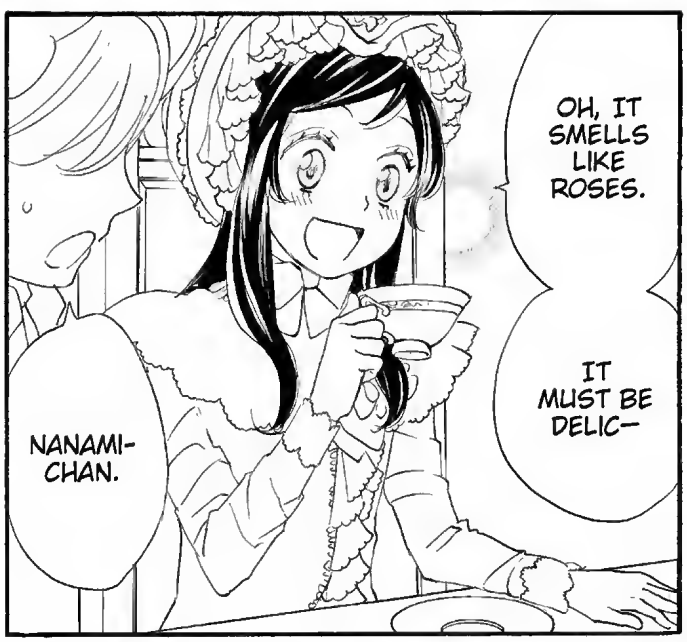
MY.
YOU LOOK LOVELY.
COME, NANAMI-SAMA.
EVERYONE IS WAITING.
I SHOULDN'T BE DOING THIS.


I WISH TOMOE WAS WITH ME...
I'VE NEVER DRESSED LIKE THIS BEFORE ...
LOOK AT ALL THESE FRILLS AND LACE...
OH, GIRL.
BANG
THIS IS NO TIME FOR MY HEART TO RACE...
WHAT IS THIS? I'M HAVING A HARD TIME MOVING BECAUSE OF ALL THESE RUFFLES.
YOU LOOK LIKE AN OLD DOLL.
QUELLE SURPRISE, YOU'RE UNFASHIONABLE NO MATTER WHAT YOU WEAR.

BAM
NOW EVERY-ONE'S READY.
I'M GLAD TOMOE ISN'T HERE ...
Waah! Nanami-chan looks cute.
YOU DON'T NEED TO BE AFRAID. THIS IS JUST ENTERTAINMENT.
DON'T WORRY, NANAMI-SAN.
Mikage-san!
I WELCOME ALL OF YOU.
WELCOME TO MY TEA PARTY.
EVERYONE LOOKS LOVELY.

IZANAMI!
A..
AMI ?!
THIS IS AMI?
I BORROWED THE FORM OF A PERSON IN YOUR HEART...
...NANAMI.
IT'S PERFECT FOR TONIGHT'S TEA PARTY.
NOW EVERYONE TAKE A SEAT.
MIKAGE-SAMA, WHAT SHOULD WE DO?
WE MUST GET IZANAMI-SAMA TO HELP US...

LET'S DO OUR BEST NOT TO MAKE IZANAMI-SAMA ANGRY!


OH, IT SMELLS LIKE ROSES.
IT MUST BE DELIC—
NANAMI-CHAN.

OH!
YOU'LL BELONG TO THE LAND OF THE DEAD IF YOU DRINK THAT.

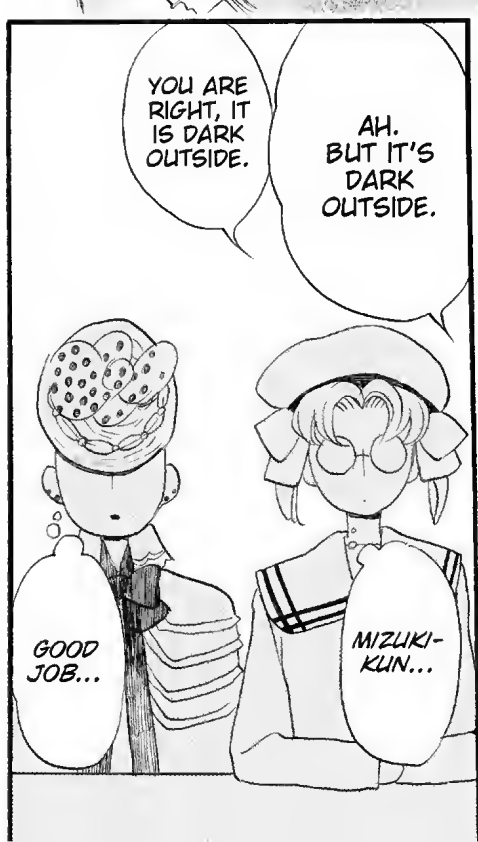
I HAD THIS HERBAL TEA SPECIALLY MADE.
HELP YOURSELF AND ENJOY.
Ha ha ha...

TWITCH
WHAT IS THE MATTER, NANAMI?
DO YOU NOT LIKE MY TEA?
OOPS.
CLINK
OTO-HIKO.
IZANAMI-SAMA, ÔKUNINUSHI-SAMA—
STUPID GIRL ...
OH NO!
Wah! Wah!
I FORBID YOU TO MENTION HIS NAME AGAIN.
ENOUGH OF ÔKUNI-NUSHI.
I AM THE HOST OF THIS TEA PARTY.

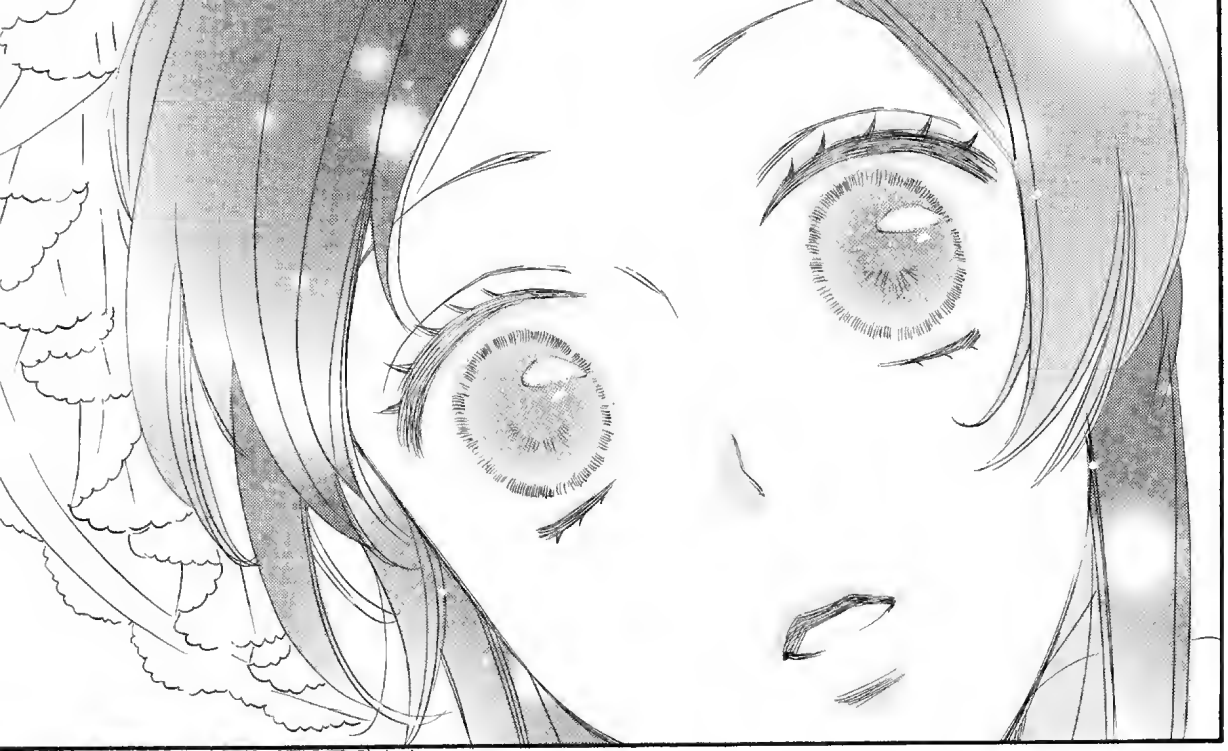
S
W
F
MIKAGE-SAN...
SIP
Use this spoon, Nanami-san.
ARGH, SHUT UP. JUST SHUT UP.
BUT, BUT IZA-NAMI-SAMA...
This is delicious.

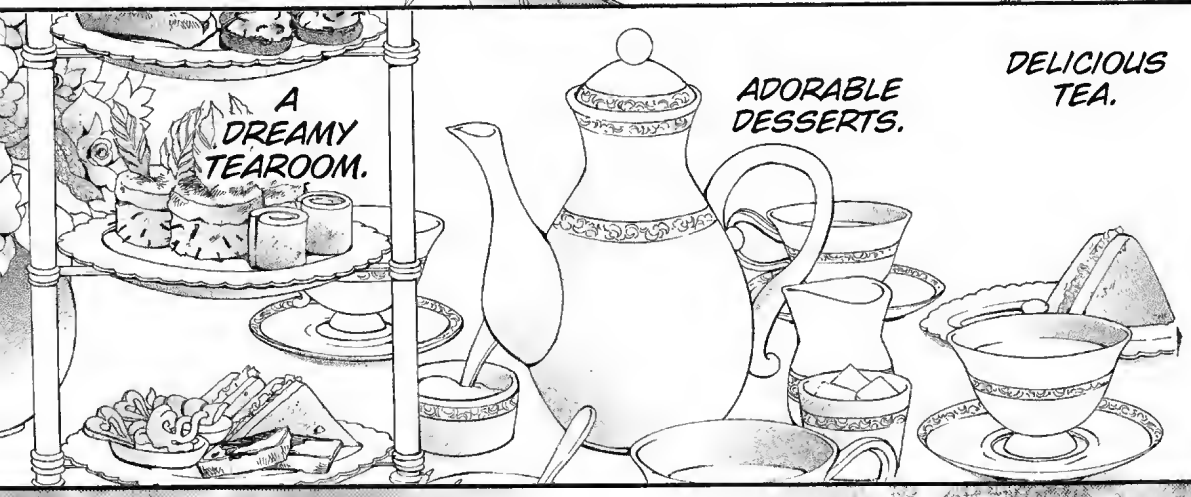
I've never had herbal tea before, but this is good.
The aroma seems to fill my mouth.

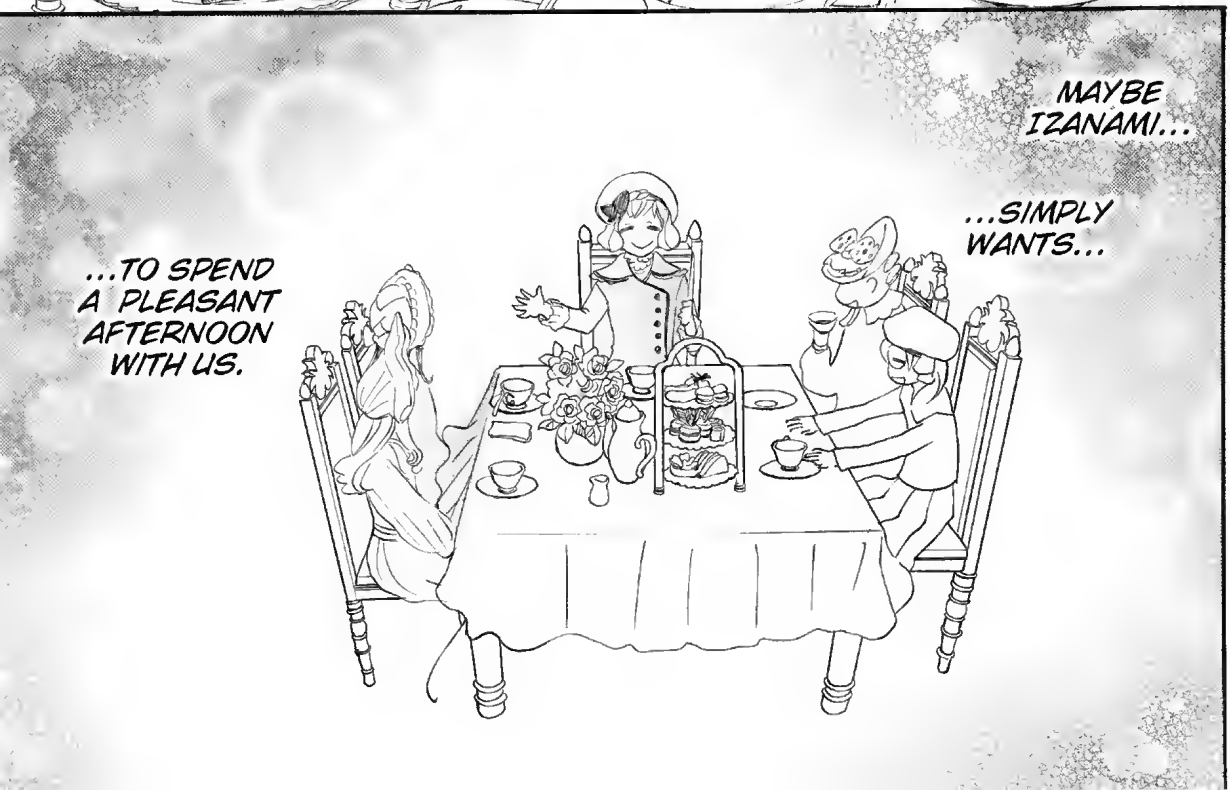
UH-OH.
I FORGOT TO USE HONORIFICS. I'M SORRY.
NOT TO WORRY.
IT HAS BEEN A WHILE SINCE I SPENT TIME WITH A GIRL.
I WOULD LIKE TO DO MORE FUN THINGS TOGETHER.


YOU ARE RIGHT, IT IS DARK OUTSIDE.
AH. BUT IT'S DARK OUTSIDE.
GOOD JOB...
MIZUKI-KUN...

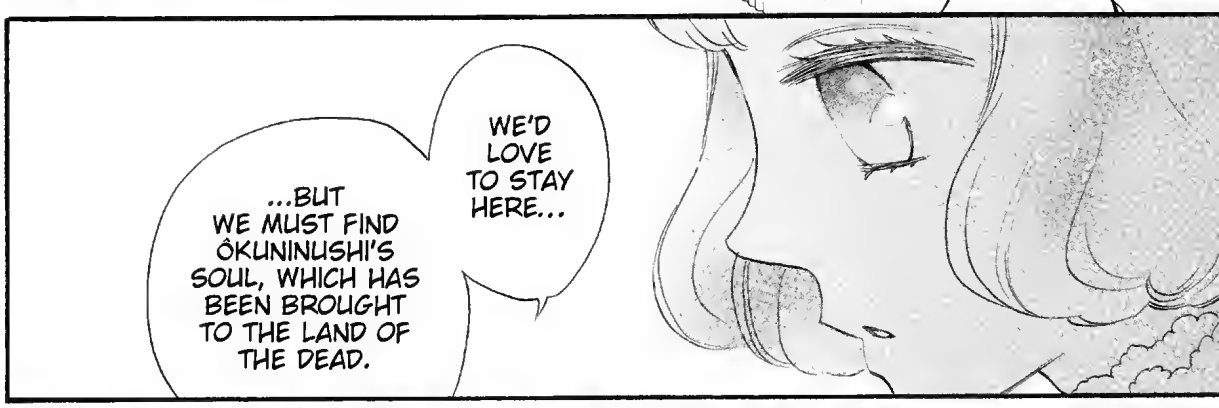
yes, yeees.
HOW ABOUT WE GO ON A PICNIC, IZANAMI-SAMA?
A PICNIC. SOUNDS LOVELY.



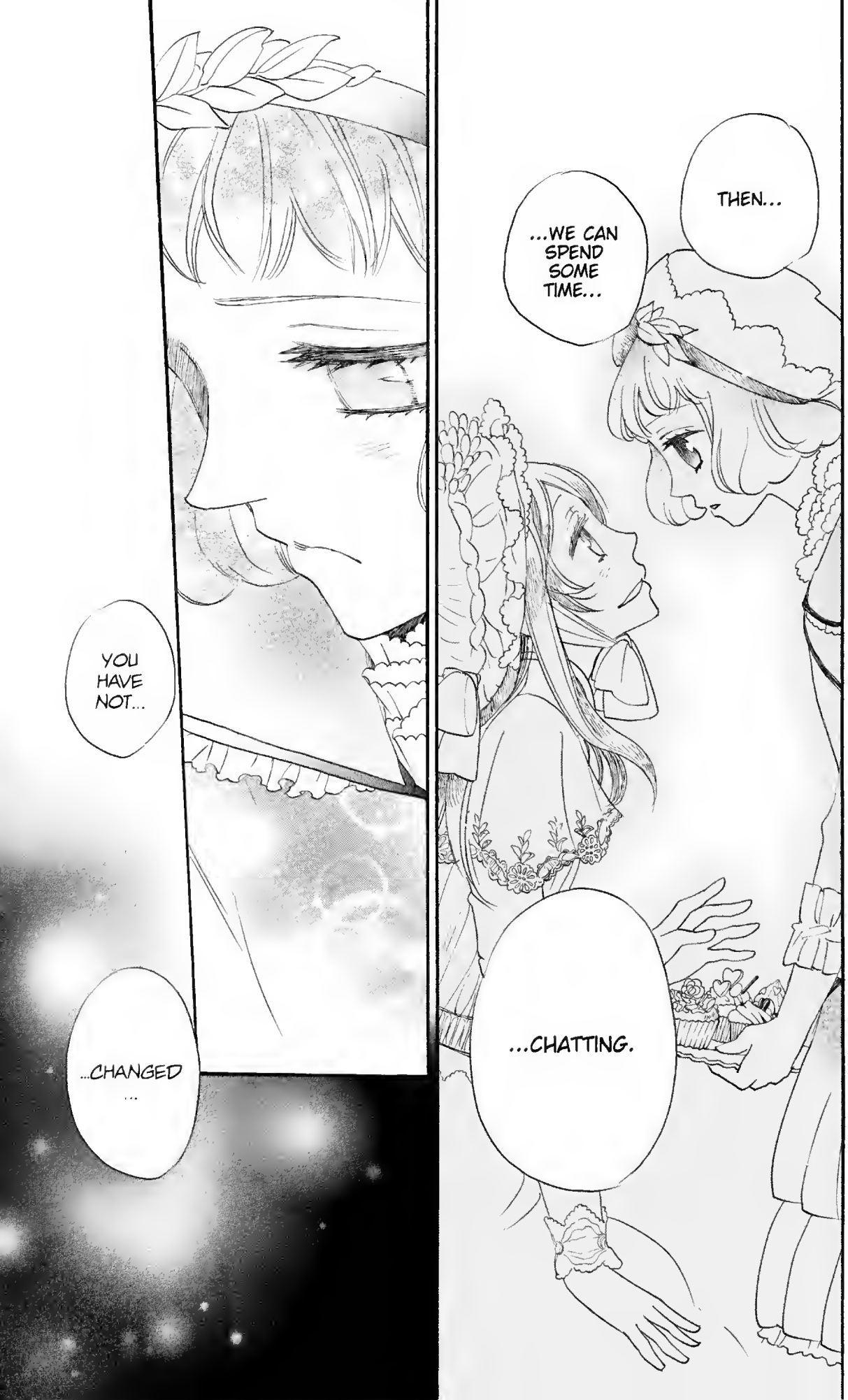

A DREAMY TEAROOM.
ADORABLE DESSERTS.
DELICIOUS TEA.


MAYBE IZANAMI...
...SIMPLY WANTS...
...TO SPEND A PLEASANT AFTERNOON WITH US.

AH HA HA HA!
I BAKED THESE CUPCAKES MYSELF.
HELP YOURSELF.
IZANAMI.


WE'D LOVE TO STAY HERE...
...BUT WE MUST FIND ÔKUNINUSHI'S SOUL, WHICH HAS BEEN BROUGHT TO THE LAND OF THE DEAD.

I'LL COME DRINK TEA WITH YOU...
...AFTER WE'VE SETTLED THINGS.


THEN...
...WE CAN SPEND SOME TIME...
...CHATTING.
YOU HAVE NOT...
...CHANGED ...

HUH?
YOU ARE BLITHE, AS EVER.
PROMISE ME...
...YOU WILL RETURN WHEN YOU'RE DONE.
I will!
IZANAMI-SAMA!
THAT MEANS...
DETAILS OF THE ÔKUNINUSHI INCIDENT HAVE REACHED MY EARS.

I DO NOT CARE WHAT HAPPENS TO ÔKUNI-NUSHI...
...BUT I FEEL SORRY THAT THE KAMI IN THE LAND ABOVE ARE SO ANXIOUS.
I SHALL MAKE CONTACT WITH ÔKUNI-NUSHI'S SOUL...
...THROUGH MY MIRROR.
ÔKUNI-NUSHI-SAMA!

OH, I...
WE SHOULDN'T ...
COME, COME.
OH?
WHY'RE YOU WATCHING ME?
I'M ABOUT TO MAKE HER MINE, SO DON'T INTERRUPT.
ÔKUNI-NUSHI-SAMA!
HELLO, OTOHIKO. YOU LOOK LOVELY AS ALWAYS.
ÔKUNI-NUSHI-SAMA! WHERE ARE YOU ?!
EVERY-ONE'S LOOKING FOR YOU!
HA HA HA. LOOKING FOR ME?
Why are you dressed like that?

HAVE SOMEONE ELSE DO MY JOB FOR ME.
Jerk
YOU CAN SEE I'M BUSY.
THIS LADY IS VERY CHASTE.
Eek!
IN-DEED ...
I HEARD YOU WERE KIDNAPPED BY AKURA-OH AND HIS FOLLOWERS.
ÔKUNI-NUSHI-SAMA.
IT APPEARS I HAVE BEEN TAKEN CAPTIVE...
...BUT NOT TO WORRY.
Jerk
I am truly enjoying my current situation!

CRACK
...
GRRRRRRRR

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OH?
THE LINE WENT DEAD.
Grand-mother seemed angry...
But who cares!
COME OVER HERE...
...KURO-MARO.
WELL...
LET US CONTINUE WHERE WE LEFT OFF.

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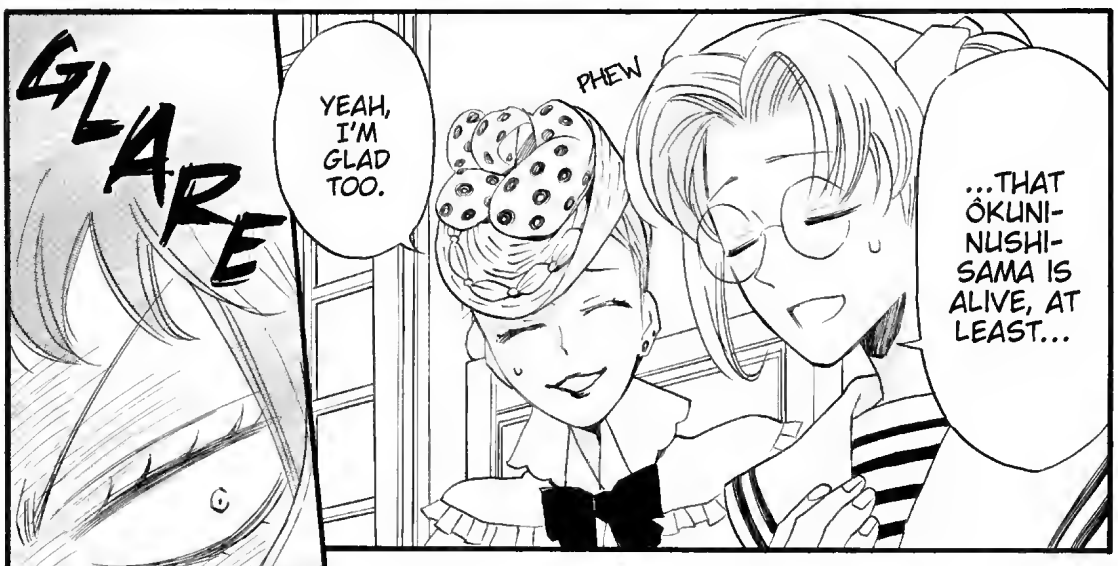
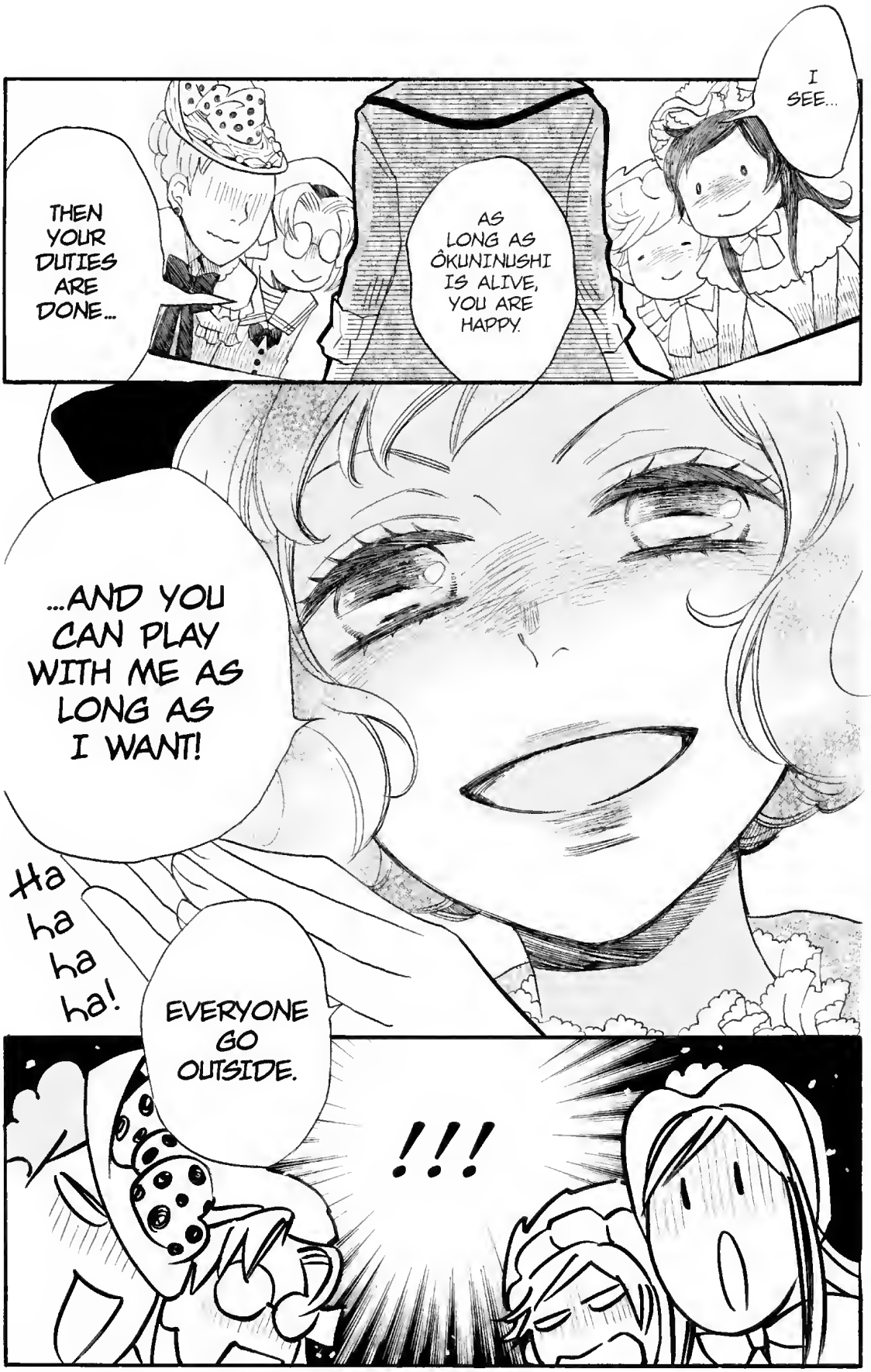
Chapter 129

I CANNOT TAKE THIS ANYMORE!
HE BROUGHT TROUBLE TO MY WORLD, WITH NO REMORSE AT ALL!

I'M GLAD ...


GLARE
YEAH, I'M GLAD TOO.
PHEW
...THAT ÔKUNI-NUSHI-SAMA IS ALIVE, AT LEAST...


I SEE...
AS LONG AS ÔKUNINUSHI IS ALIVE, YOU ARE HAPPY.
THEN YOUR DUTIES ARE DONE...
...AND YOU CAN PLAY WITH ME AS LONG AS I WANT!
Ha ha ha ha!
EVERYONE GO OUTSIDE.
!!!

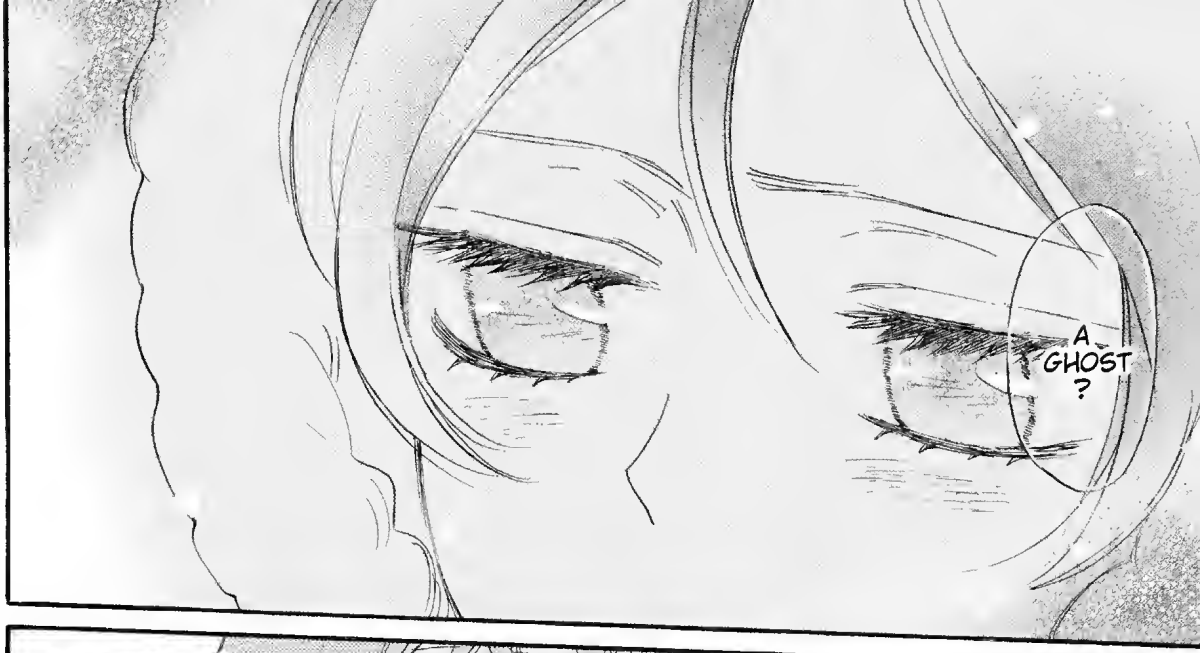
SHK
SHK
LET US PLAY A FUN, FUN GAME OF HIDE-AND-SEEK...
...IN MY MAZE GARDEN. ♪
WE SHOULDN'T ...
...BE PLAYING HIDE-AND-SEEK...
...IN THE SNOW ...
I AM IT...
...SO YOU ALL HIDE.
IF YOU CAN HIDE FOR AN HOUR...
...I WILL GRANT YOU ONE WISH.

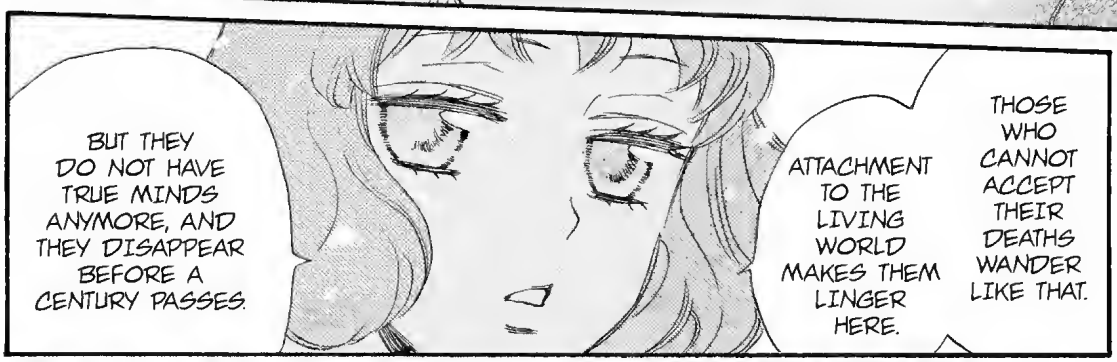
I WONDER HOW THE OTHER THREE ARE DOING...?
I'LL HIDE FOR AN HOUR AND ASK IZANAMI TO OPEN THE GATE OF THE LAND OF THE DEAD.
...
...I WILL TURN YOU INTO CUP-CAKES.
BUT IF YOU LEAVE THIS GARDEN...
FWoo
THROB
THROB
WAIT FOR ME A LITTLE LONGER...
I'M SORRY.
TOMOE.

DARN.
I NEED TO REST ...
PANT
PANT
THROB
I'LL TAKE IT EASY...
TOMOE IS WAITING FOR ME.

GRAB
WHA ?!
...
LEMME GO...
I DON'T WANNA DIE!
SHOVE
I DON'T WANNA DIE!
I DON'T...
...WANNA DIE YET.
WHAT IS IT?!
IS THAT A HUMAN?

ENOUGH.
FLASH
WHERE AM I...?
IT'S DARK... AND COLD...
GIVE ME BACK MY BODY...
YOUR BODY HAS CRUMBLED AND IS NO MORE.
NOW RETURN TO YOUR PROPER PLACE.
IZA-NAMI... WHAT WAS THAT?
ONE OF THE DECEASED.
IT MUST HAVE WANDERED IN.
FOUND YOU...
...NANAMI. ♡


A GHOST?


BUT THEY DO NOT HAVE TRUE MINDS ANYMORE, AND THEY DISAPPEAR BEFORE A CENTURY PASSES.
ATTACHMENT TO THE LIVING WORLD MAKES THEM LINGER HERE.
THOSE WHO CANNOT ACCEPT THEIR DEATHS WANDER LIKE THAT.

ARE YOU WORRIED YOU WILL BECOME LIKE THEM?
I SHOULD BE ABLE TO FIND THE OTHERS SOON.
YOU ARE THE FIRST ONE I FOUND.
IN ANY CASE, I AM DISAPPOINTED IN YOU, NANAMI!

YOU KNOW YOU DO NOT HAVE MUCH TIME LEFT.
ARE YOU SCARED OF DYING ?
YES.
MY MOTHER... YUKIJI...
EVERYONE, EVERYONE ...
THOSE WHO'VE ALREADY PASSED AWAY...
WHERE ARE THEY?
THEY ARE NOT HERE.

THE DECEASED DO NOT STAY IN THE LAND OF THE DEAD.
COME.
I WILL SHOW YOU WHERE YOU SHOULD RETURN.
I CAN'T BELIEVE I HAVE TO HIDE OUT HERE FOR AN HOUR..
SHOULD I JUST LET IZANAMI-SAMA FIND ME?
SIGH...
NO. NO, NO. DO YOUR BEST, OTOHIKO.
I NEED TO WIN AND GET IZANAMI-SAMA TO GRANT MY WISH.

ÔKUNINUSHI-SAMA WOULD HAVE DONE THAT ALREADY, IF IT WERE POSSIBLE.
Oh. MI-KAGE.
THAT WON'T HAPPEN.
I KNOW. WHAT IF I ASK HER TO GET RID OF AKURA-OH?
THEY KNOW THE BODY IS IN THE MOUNTAIN OF FLAMES.
THE PROBLEM IS AKURA-OH'S BODY, NOT KIRIHITO.
WELL ...
I HAVE A PLAN.
THEN WHAT CAN WE DO?
ANYONE TRYING TO RECOVER IT...
...WILL BE TROUBLE, WHETHER IT'S KIRIHITO OR SOME-ONE ELSE.

IF AKURA-OH IS RESURRECTED ...
...AND DEVOLVED TO A POINT...
...BEFORE HE MUTATED...
CAN YOU REALLY DO THAT?!
YES, WE CAN.
IF HE DRINKS THE WATER OF EVOLUTION.
THAT'S WHERE MIZUKI-KUN WAS HIDING...
HE'S SMART ...
RIGHT, MIKAGE-SAMA?

WE STILL HAVE 45 MINUTES.
BUT FIRST, IZANAMI-SAMA MUST OPEN THE GATE.
UH-OH.
YES.
ÔKUNINUSHI-SAMA WILL DECIDE WHAT TO DO ABOUT IT.
...
WE'LL ALL LOSE IF WE'RE FOUND NOW.
DASH
RUN!

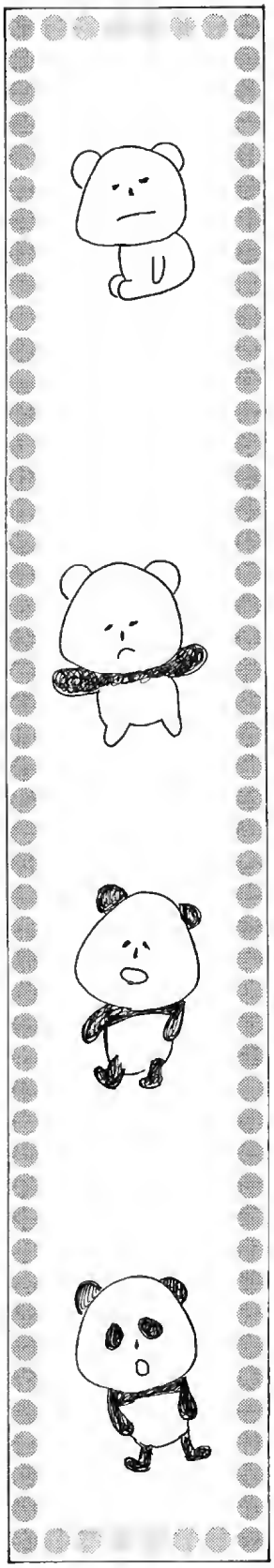
H-HOW FAR DOWN ARE WE GOING, IZANAMI?
JUST A LITTLE FARTHER.
HURRY, NANAMI.
I CAN'T...
MY LEGS ARE GIVING OUT...
IF I GO ANY FARTHER, I'LL...
I AM WITH YOU...
DO NOT WORRY.
...SO YOU WILL BE ABLE TO RETURN TO YOUR WORLD.

HERE WE ARE.
...YOU MAY NOT WANT TO GO BACK.
THOUGH ONCE YOU SEE WHERE WE ARE GOING...
IT'S A LAKE OF GOLDEN LIGHT.

THE DECEASED PASS THROUGH MY LAND...
...BEFORE GOING TO THIS DEEPER REALM.
THIS IS WHERE INDIVIDUALITY CEASES.
OBSESSION. REGRET. SORROW. JOY.
IT ALL DISSOLVES AND BECOMES PART OF ONE, UNITED ENERGY.
I FEEL WARM...

IN THAT LAKE...
...IS A BLISSFUL SENSE OF ONENESS.
I FEEL SO COMFORTABLE HERE...
THAT IS WHERE HUMANS EVENTUALLY GO WHEN THEY DIE.

SO WE'RE SWALLOWED BY THIS WATER...
DO WE... DISAPPEAR ?
NO.
YOU WILL STAY THERE, DRIFTING LIKE WATER.
WHEN A NEW LIFE IS BORN IN THE LAND ABOVE...
...A DROP OF THIS WATER FLOWS OUT.
SO...
...DO NOT FEAR DEATH.
ALL HUMANS RETURN HERE.
THIS IS WHERE I'LL RETURN ...



BUT STILL ...

I'M SCARED, IZANAMI ...

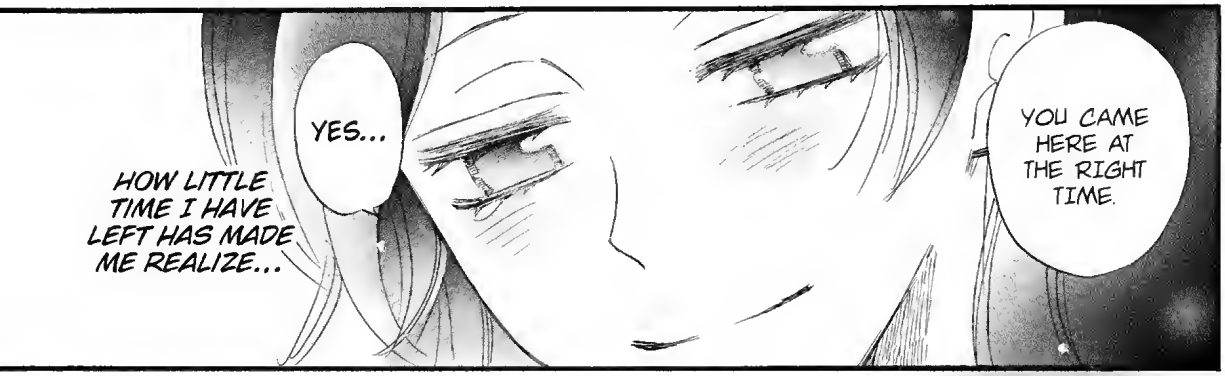
...OF LEAVING HIM BEHIND...

TOMOE, MY DARLING.

I'M SCARED...

...OF MAKING HIM GRIEVE.

I HAVE HEARD THAT YOUR FOX...
...WANTS TO BECOME HUMAN.
NANAMI ...
I BELIEVE THAT IS A GOOD IDEA.
MORE-OVER...
...HE WILL RETURN HERE, LIKE YOU, ONCE HE DIES AS A HUMAN.
ONCE HE BECOMES HUMAN, HE WILL LEARN HOW TO HEAL HIS WOUNDS.
THEY CANNOT FORGET THEIR SORROW.
YOKAI ARE DIFFICULT...



...THE TRUE DISTANCE BETWEEN ME AND TOMOE...

...AND HOW WE SHOULD LIVE...

...TOMOE LOVES YOU, BUT HE DOES NOT LOVE OTHER HUMANS.
TO BE HONEST, I DO NOT LIKE THE THOUGHT OF SOMEONE LIKE HIM...
...BECOMING HUMAN.
BECOMING HUMAN...
...IS ONLY A MEANS TO BE WITH YOU.
SHE'S RIGHT...
IF I WEREN'T HUMAN...
...TOMOE WOULD NEVER WANT TO BECOME ONE.
THAT FACT...
...ALWAYS SMOLDERS DEEP IN MY HEART...

IZA-
NAMI.
I...
THAT IS
HOW I
FEEL...
...SO
DO NOT
FRET.
THIS
IS FOR
YOU.
IT IS A
FLOWER
BULB.
...AND
MAKES
ME...
...SAD.

IF TOMOE CAN LOVE HUMANS FROM THE BOTTOM OF HIS HEART...
...A FLOWER WILL BLOOM FROM THAT BULB.
IF THE FOX EATS THE FLOWER...
...HE SHOULD TURN BACK INTO AN AYAKASHI
IF THAT DOES NOT WORK, ASK ÔKUNINUSHI FOR HELP.
THOUGH WHO KNOWS WHEN THAT WILL BE.
BUT KNOWING ÔKUNI-NUSHI...
...YOU MAY EXPIRE FIRST.
ÔKUNI-NUSHI IS SO...
IZA-NAMI.

I CAN'T...
...THANK YOU ENOUGH.
Heh heh
...TO MAKE THAT FLOWER BLOOM, NANAMI?
WILL YOU BE ABLE...
THANK YOU.

...TOMOE WILL GROW TO LIKE HUMANS.
...I BELIEVE ...
BUT...
I DON'T KNOW. IT DEPENDS ON TOMOE...
SINCE HE LOVES ME...
...AND I'M HUMAN.

FWOOO
FWOOO

HEY...
...TOMOE.
NANAMI...

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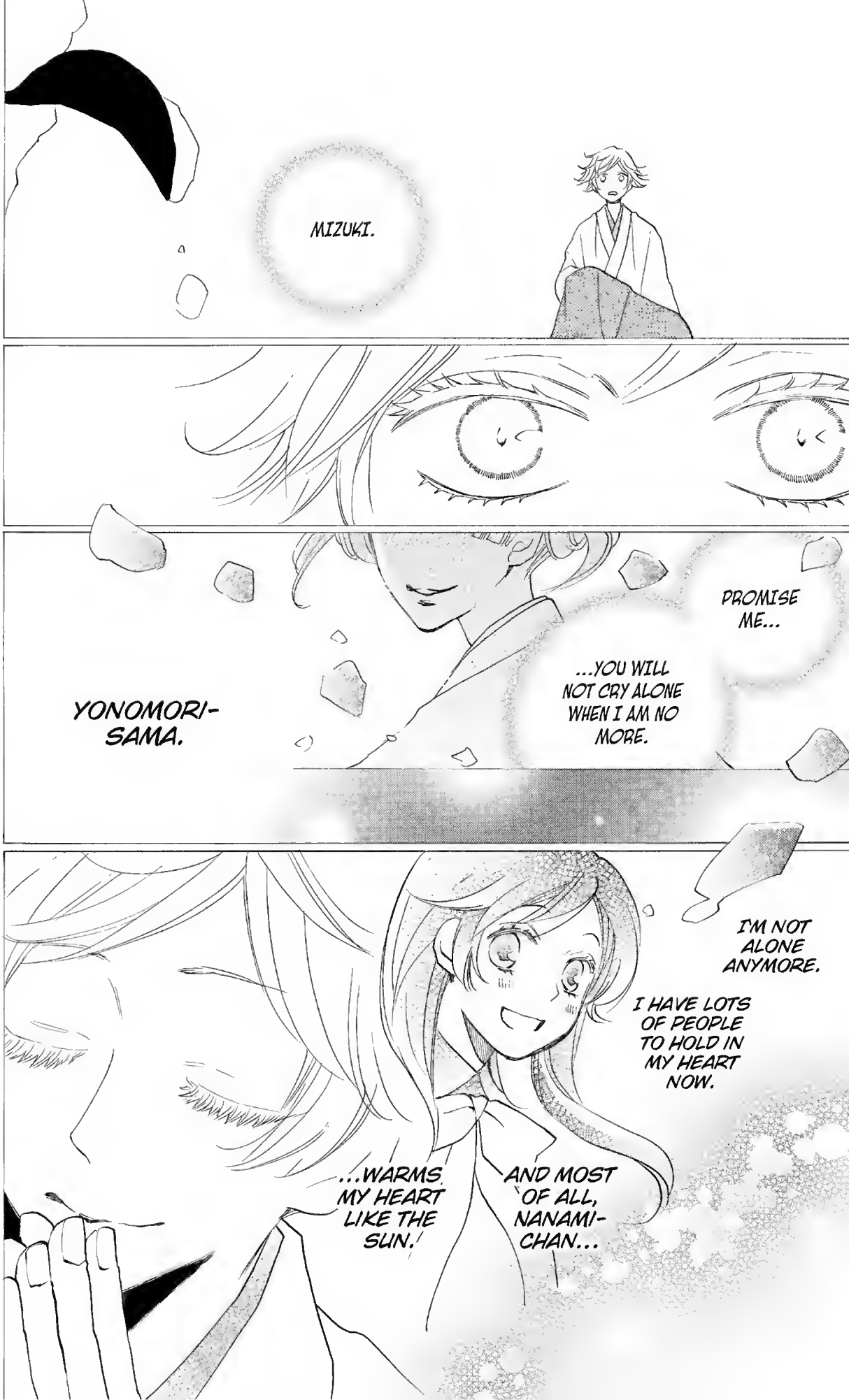
Chapter 130

FOUND YOU, OTOHIKO!
NO FAIR! I ONLY HAD TEN MINUTES LEFT!
SHE FOUND ME TOO.
Ah ha ha ha ha!
DO NOT DARE THINK YOU CAN WIN AGAINST ME.
THE SNAKE BOY IS THE ONLY ONE LEFT
Heh heh heh...
I knew it
SO THAT GIRL WAS FOUND ALREADY.
THIS ISN'T GOOD, MIKAGE.
DON'T WORRY.
MIZUKI-KUN WILL MANAGE ...

SIGH... I'M COLD.
I CAN'T MANAGE THE COLD WELL.
TOMOE-KUN SHOULD BE FINE WITH HIS THICK FUR.
Hmph
HE'S VERY GOOD AT PERSEVERING.
I CAN'T DEPEND ON MIKAGE-SAMA OR OTOHIKO-GAMI.
She probably already found them.
I GOTTA WIN!
And then ♡ Nanami-chan will ♡ thank me.
I'm getting a nose-bleed just imagining it


MIZUKI.
YONOMORI-SAMA.
PROMISE ME...
...YOU WILL NOT CRY ALONE WHEN I AM NO MORE.
I'M NOT ALONE ANYMORE.
I HAVE LOTS OF PEOPLE TO HOLD IN MY HEART NOW.
AND MOST OF ALL, NANAMI-CHAN...
...WARMS MY HEART LIKE THE SUN.

SO I'M...
...HAPPY.
GRAB
FOUND YOU, MIZUKI.
NANAMI-CHAN?
DID I SURPRISE YOU?
WHY ARE YOU STILL OUTSIDE?
I THOUGHT YOU'D BEEN FOUND.
ACTU-ALLY ...
...IZANAMI FOUND ME RIGHT AFTER WE BEGAN...
FIGURES ...

OH,O!
NANAMI.
HAVE YOU SEEN THE SNAKE?
STOMP STOMP
STOMP STOMP
STOMP STOMP
UH.
HMM.
I HAVE...
...BUT IT WOULDN'T BE FAIR IF I TOLD YOU.
YOU ARE RIGHT.
ZOOM

I LIKE NANAMI-CHAN'S SMILE.
IT BRIGHTENS THE FREEZING SKY.
FIVE MORE MINUTES TO GO.
MY HEART IS WARM, BUT...
YOUR HANDS ARE COLD, NANAMI-CHAN.
REALLY?
YOU LOOK PALE.
ARE YOU TIRED?
I SHOULDN'T HAVE TOLD YOU ABOUT THE KAMISAMA PATHS. I MIGHT HAVE PUSHED YOU TOO HARD.
YOU ALWAYS TAKE CARE OF ME.
YOU'RE SO NICE, MIZUKI.

I'M NOT A GOOD PERSON, THOUGH.
I ONLY TRY TO BE NICE...
...TO YOU, NANAMI-CHAN.
WHEN I WAS ALONE...
...I WAS SURPRISED...
...AT HOW EVIL I COULD BE.
SO IF I HADN'T...
...KEPT WELLING UP LIKE A FOUNTAIN.
DARK FEELINGS I'D NEVER FELT BEFORE...
JEALOUSY. ENVY.
... MET YOU, I'D HAVE...
MIZUKI...
YOU ARE GOOD.

YOU CAN CARE ABOUT ME...
...BECAUSE YOU'RE GOOD.
YOU...
...CAN TURN EVEN ME INTO A SAINT.
YEAH.

I'M NOT A SELFISH SHINSHI, LIKE TOMOE-KUN.
TOMOE ISN'T SELFISH.
HE CAN STAY SELFISH.
CUZ I'M YOUR FIRST SHINSHI. ♡
I CARE ABOUT YOU MUCH, MUCH MORE THAN HE DOES.
SO...
...PLEASE SMILE FOREVER...
...LIKE THE SUN...

I TOLD YOU ABOUT HOW I MET MITSUHA WHEN I TURNED TIME.
AH, WHEN YONOMORI-SAMA WAS CUTE.
I MET YOU BEFORE YOU WERE BORN...
...SO SOMETIMES I FEEL LIKE I'M YOUR MOM.
REALLY? I LIKE THAT.
SO...
...IT MAKES ME SAD WHEN I THINK ABOUT HOW MITSUHA FELT...
...WHEN SHE DIS-APPEARED AND HAD TO LEAVE YOU BEHIND.

WHEN I'M GONE...
NANAMI-CHAN?
...MIKAGE-SAN AND TOMOE WILL STILL BE WITH YOU.
KOFF
WHAT'S THE MATTER, NANAMI-CHAN?
YOU MAKE IT SOUND LIKE YOU'RE GOING TO DISAPPEAR.
HA HA!

NANAMI-CHAN!
NANAMI-CHAN?!
WHAT'S WRONG?!
NO-THING.
I'LL BE OKAY SOON.
YOU'RE NOT OKAY.
YOU'RE NOT OKAY AT ALL!
BONG BONG BONG
BONG BONG BONG
TIME IS UP.
THE GAME IS OVER.
EVERYONE RETURN TO MY SHRINE.

IZANAMI-SAMA!
IZANAMI-SAMA!
I COULD NOT FIND YOU
THERE YOU ARE, SNAKE BOY.
NANAMI-CHAN IS SICK!
MIZUKI-KUN...
MY. WHAT'S THE MATTER, GIRL?
NANAMI-CHAN!
QUIET DOWN.

NANAMI
...
...STILL HAS SEVERAL MONTHS OF LIFE LEFT.
SHE WILL BE FINE AFTER SHE RESTS A WHILE.
WHAT THE HECK?
YOU HAVE TO BE JOKING.
NANAMI-CHAN'S FINE.
RIGHT, MIKAGE-SAMA?
IZA-NAMI-SAMA.
NANAMI-SAN SHOULDN'T BE DYING YET.
SHE SHOULDN'T.

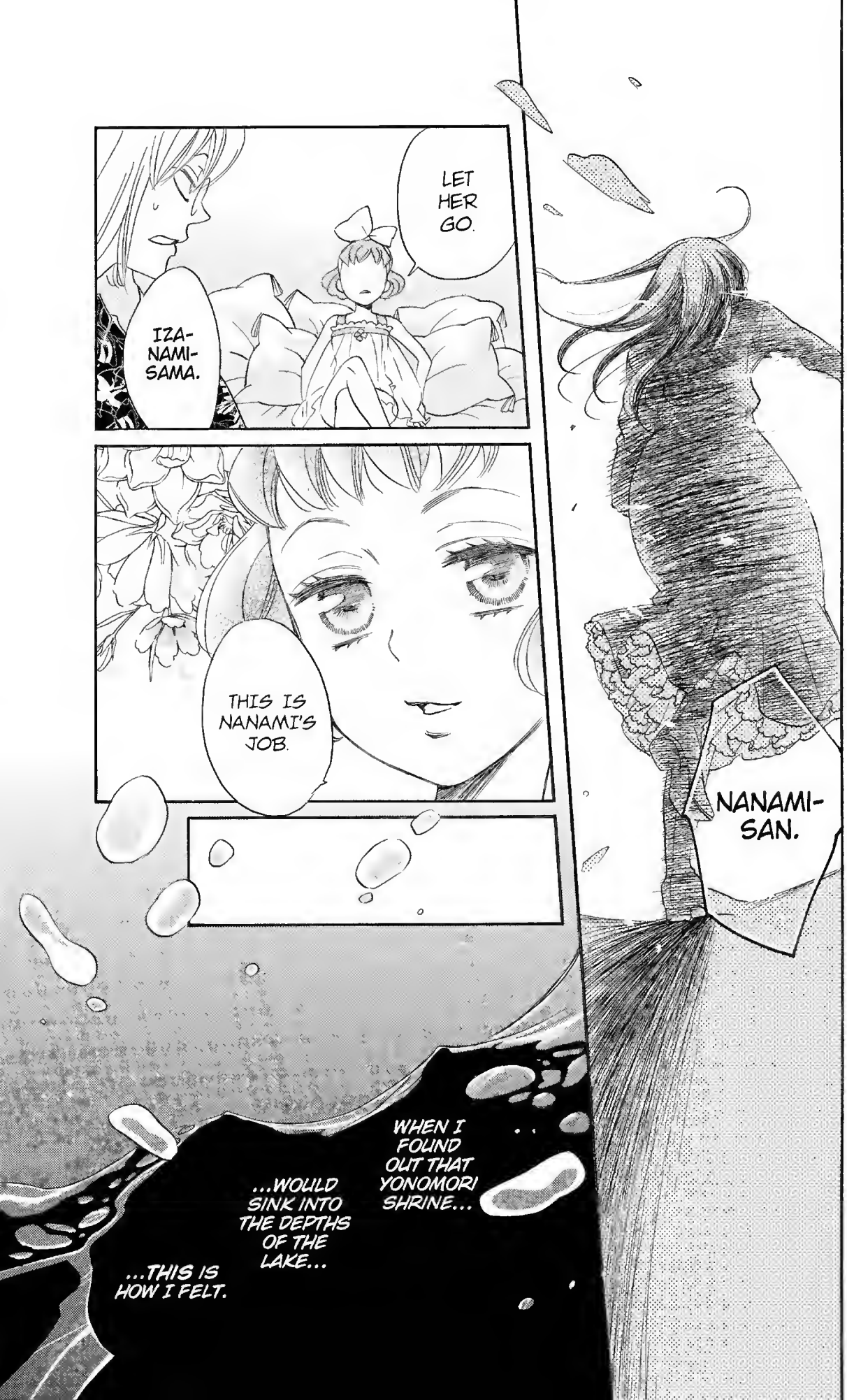
LIFE FORCE IS WHAT SUSTAINS A HUMAN'S EXISTENCE.
THEY DIE WHEN THEY LOSE IT.
BUT SHE GAVE HER HER LIFE FORCE TO SOMEONE ELSE.
SORRY, MIZUKI...
NO.
I WAS GONNA TELL YOU AFTER THIS WAS ALL OVER..
...SO I DIDN'T... SAY ANYTHING ...
THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING.

I WON HIDE-AND-SEEK...
...SO YOU HAVE TO GRANT ME A WISH, IZANAMI-SAMA.
PLEASE CURE NANAMI-CHAN.
THAT I CANNOT DO.
THEN HOW DO WE SAVE HER?
NANAMI WILL RECOVER IF SHE ABSORBS THE LIFE FORCE OF ANOTHER HUMAN.
SOMEONE ABOUT HER AGE WHOSE LIFE ENERGY WILL BLEND HARMONI-OUSLY WITH HERS.
IF I CAN DO SOMETHING...
BUT THAT HUMAN WILL DIE...
...IN HER PLACE.
...TO SAVE HER...
CAN YOU SACRIFICE A HUMAN LIFE FOR HER SAKE, MIZUKI?
...I...

...CAN BECOME AN OGRE OR A DEVIL.
NO PROBLEM.
THEN THIS IS MY WISH.
OPEN THE GATE RIGHT NOW, IZANAMI-SAMA.
NANAMI-CHAN.
MIZUKI?
MIZUKI-KUN, WAIT.
FINE.

THIS IS THE KEY.
USE IT ON THE MAIN GATE.
IF I DO THAT...
TOSS
...NANAMI-CHAN...
...WILL LIVE.
MIZUKI-KUN.

STOP, MIZUKI-KUN!
HE'S HEADING FOR THE LIVING WORLD. WE MUST STOP HIM.
WHY CAN'T YOU MAKE YOUR SHINSHI OBEY YOU?!
HE'S NOT MY SHINSHI...
SHUUUM
MIZUKI ...


LET HER GO.
IZA-NAMI-SAMA.
THIS IS NANAMI'S JOB.
NANAMI-SAN.
WHEN I FOUND OUT THAT YONOMORI SHRINE...
...WOULD SINK INTO THE DEPTHS OF THE LAKE...
...THIS IS HOW I FELT.

I'LL BRING BAD LUCK TO THE ONES BUILDING IT UNTIL THEY GIVE UP.
I WON'T LET THEM BUILD THIS DAM.
NO DAM
NO
DAM!
NO
DAM!
YONOMORI-SAMA.
MIZUKI.
NO
DAM!
NO
NO, MIZUKI.
...SO PLEASE DON'T WORRY.
I WILL PROTECT YOU...
YOU DON'T NEED TO DO THAT.
BUT YONOMORI-SAMA...

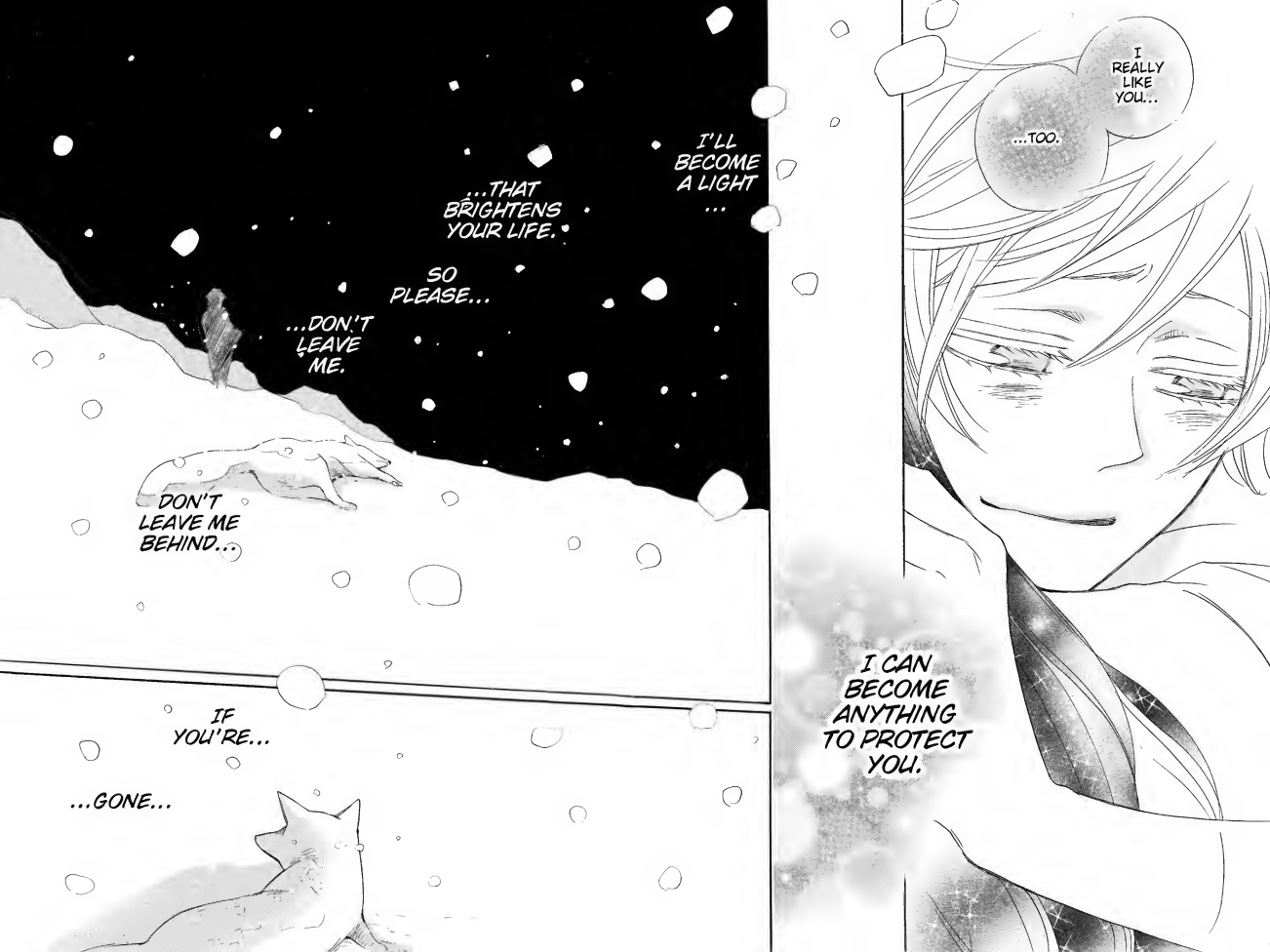
I DON'T MIND BEING EVIL...
...IF IT MEANS I CAN PROTECT WHAT'S PRECIOUS TO ME.
MIZUKI!
NANAMI-CHAN.
MIZUKI!
NO...

DON'T RUN WHEN YOU'RE SICK!
DON'T STOP ME.
MIZUKI.
MIZUKI.

MIZUKI!
NANAMI-CHAN, YOU FOOL.
YOU DIDN'T NEED TO RUN SO HARD.
YOU COULD'VE USED YOUR KOTODAMA BINDING ON ME.
YOU CAME TO STOP ME FROM KILLING A HUMAN.
NO, I DIDN'T.
YOU'D NEVER BE ABLE TO DO THAT.
THEN WHY'D YOU COME AFTER ME?

I CAME...
...BECAUSE YOU'RE HURTING.
I SENSED YOU CRYING...
YOU FELT LIKE YOU WERE THE ONLY ONE LEFT IN THE WORLD.
SO I KNEW I HAD TO CATCH UP TO YOU AND TELL YOU...

MY DEAR, PRECIOUS NANAMI.
THANK YOU.
I LIKE YOU SO MUCH, MIZUKI.


I REALLY LIKE YOU...
...TOO.
I'LL BECOME A LIGHT ...
...THAT BRIGHTENS YOUR LIFE.
SO PLEASE...
...DON'T LEAVE ME.
DON'T LEAVE ME BEHIND...
I CAN BECOME ANYTHING TO PROTECT YOU.
IF YOU'RE...
...GONE...

...MY WORLD WILL FREEZE FOREVER.

DOGGIE.
YOU'LL FREEZE IF YOU FALL ASLEEP IN THE SNOW.
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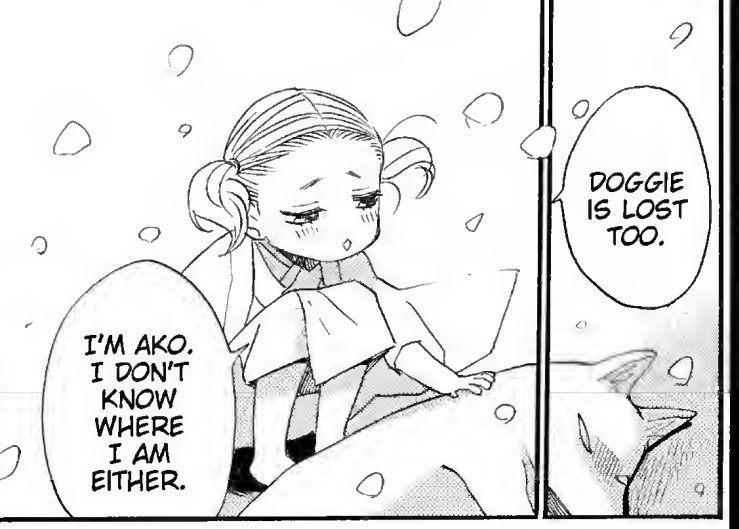
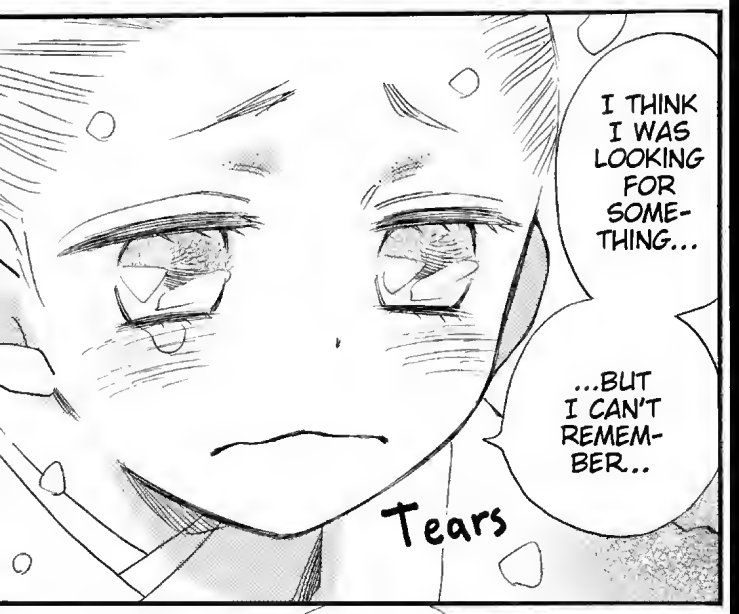
IF YOU FREEZE...
...YOU'LL DIE.

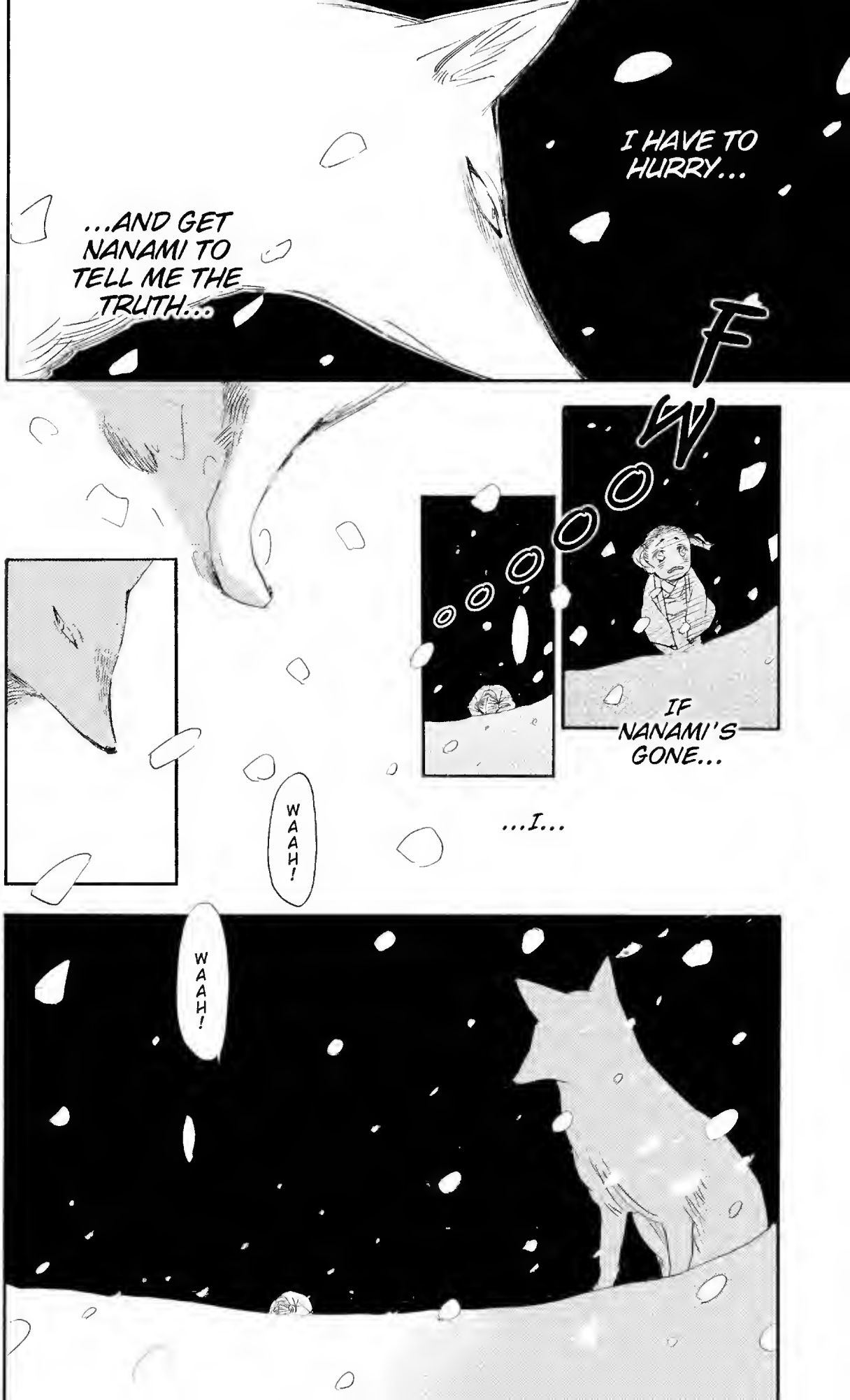
I'M NOT LIKE YOU HUMANS.
I WON'T DIE SO EASILY.
WHAT DO I CARE?
SHE MUST'VE DIED SOMEWHERE AND WANDERED HERE.
SPLAT
NANAMI WAS ACTING STRANGE.
SHOULD I HAVE PRESSED HER MORE?
DAMN.
I CAN'T MOVE YET...
THIS ALWAYS HAPPENS.



I THINK I'VE GOT HER...



...THEN SHE SLIPS AWAY AND DISAPPEARS...


I HAVE TO HURRY...
...AND GET NANAMI TO TELL ME THE TRUTH...
FWOOO
IF NANAMI'S GONE...
...I...
WAAH!
WAAH!

THIS IS AWFULLY SMALL TO BE THE KEY TO THE LAND OF THE DEAD.
WHAT'RE YOU GONNA DO ONCE YOU OPEN THE GATE?

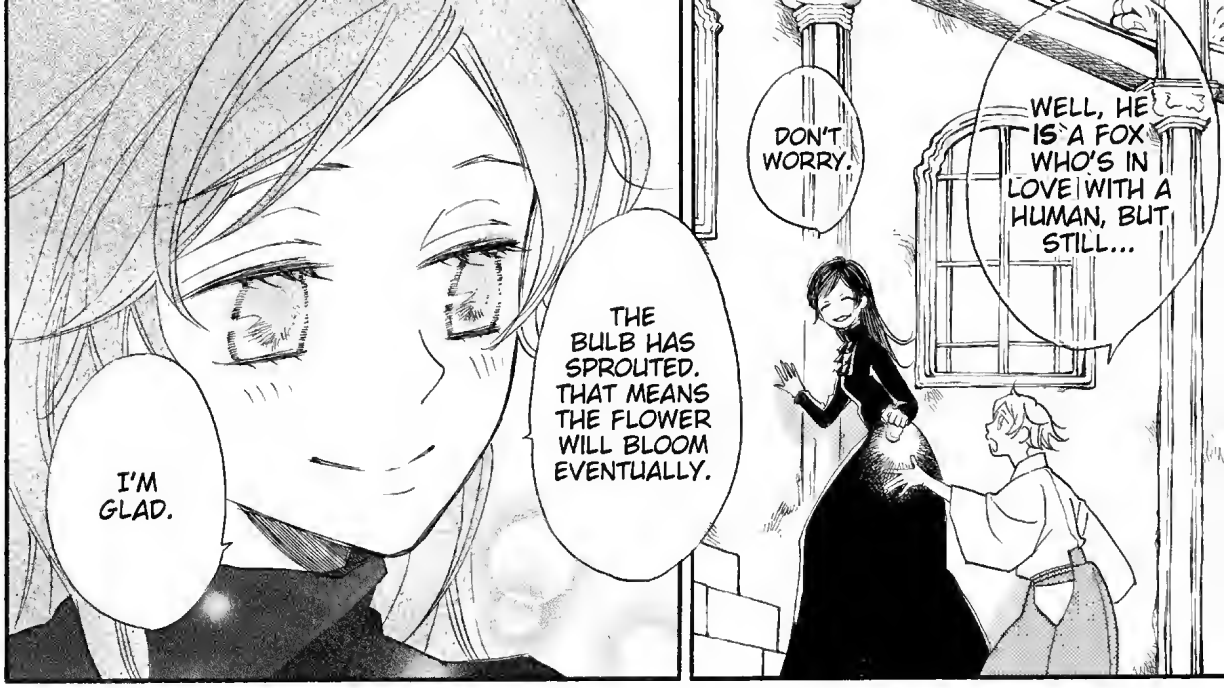
I WANT TO TURN TOMOE BACK INTO AN AYAKASHI.
I'D LIKE TO SETTLE THE AKURA-OH PROBLEM, IF WE CAN.

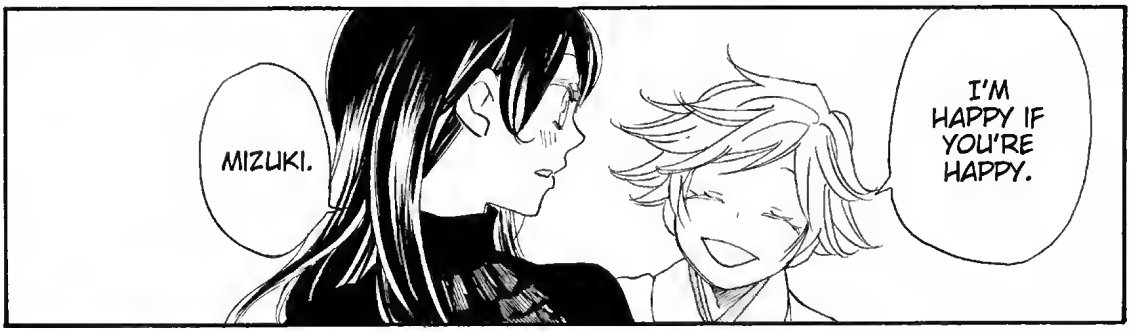
THAT'S JUST LIKE YOU, NANAMI-CHAN.

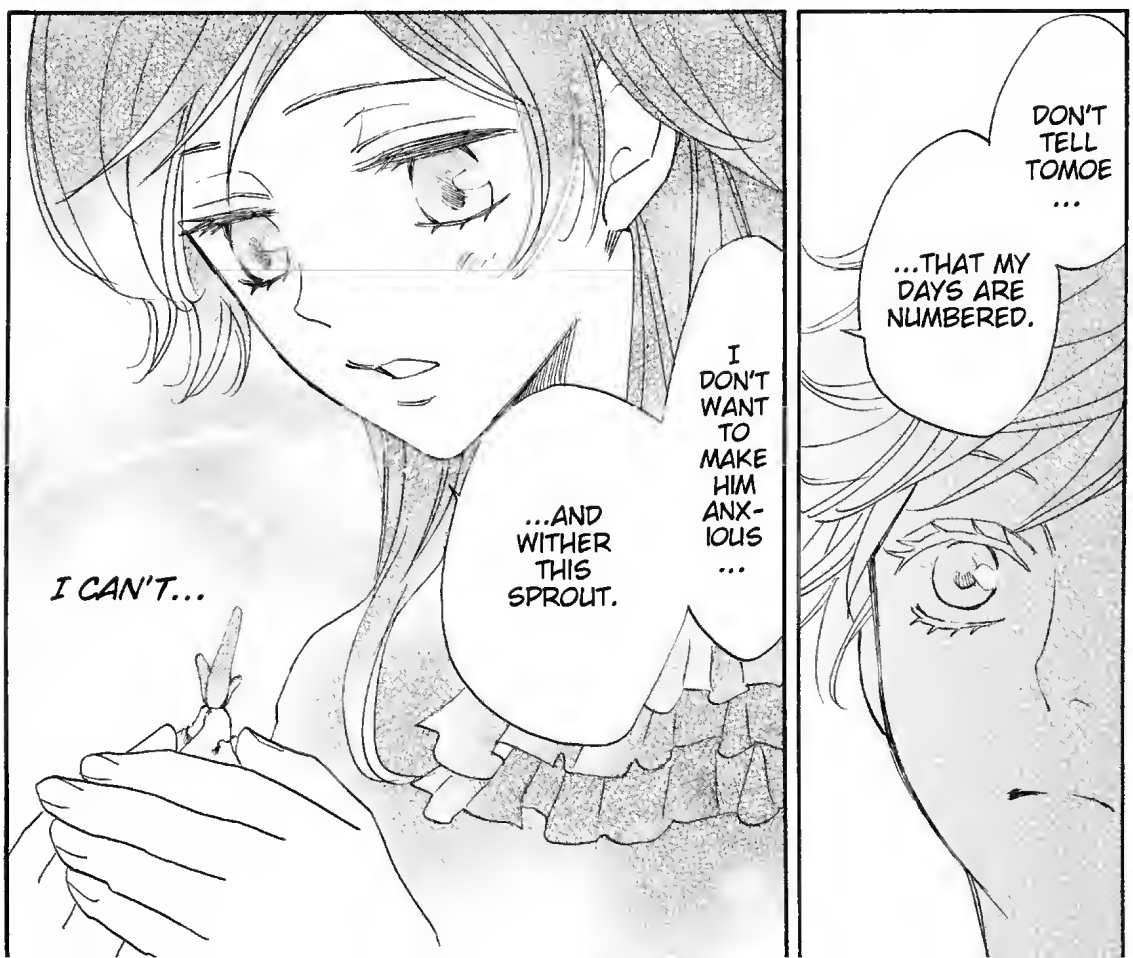
RUSTLE
...IZA-NAMI GAVE ME A FLOWER BULB...
BY THE WAY...
THOUGH I THINK TOMOE-KUN CAN STAY BEING A FOX.
IT'S SPROUTED!
LOOK, MIZUKI. THE BULB SPROUTED!
SPROUTED?
THIS SPROUT IS PROOF...
...THAT TOMOE'S HEART IS SOFTENING TOWARD HUMANS.

SO IT'S GROWING...
...LITTLE BY LITTLE.
TOMOE...

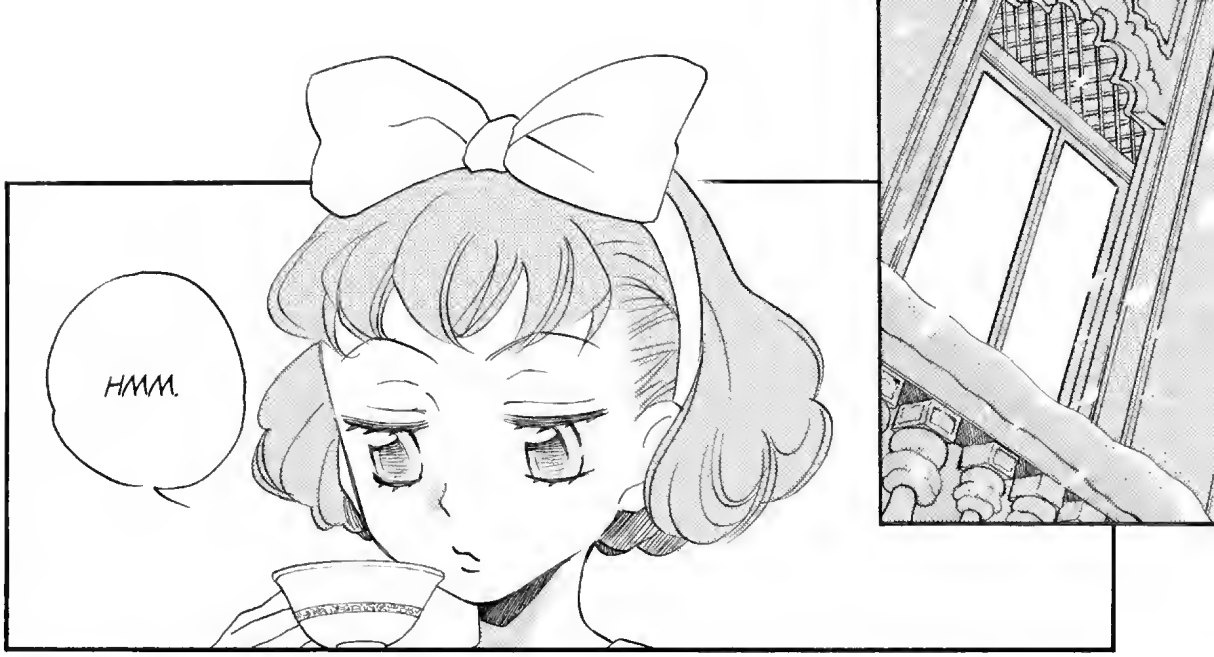
BUT WILL HE EVER GROW TO LIKE HUMANS?
THEN TOMOE-KUN WILL TURN BACK INTO AN AYAKASHI IF HE EATS THE FLOWER THAT BLOOMS FROM THIS BULB?


WELL, HE IS A FOX WHO'S IN LOVE WITH A HUMAN, BUT STILL...
DON'T WORRY.
THE BULB HAS SPROUTED. THAT MEANS THE FLOWER WILL BLOOM EVENTUALLY.
I'M GLAD.


I'M HAPPY IF YOU'RE HAPPY.
MIZUKI.


DON'T TELL TOMOE ...
...THAT MY DAYS ARE NUMBERED.
I DON'T WANT TO MAKE HIM ANX-IOUS ...
...AND WITHER THIS SPROUT.
I CAN'T...

SURE.
...TELL TOMOE YET...
LOOK, NANAMI-CHAN.
THAT'S THE LOCK.
MAYBE I'M JUST SCARED...
...OF HIM FINDING OUT.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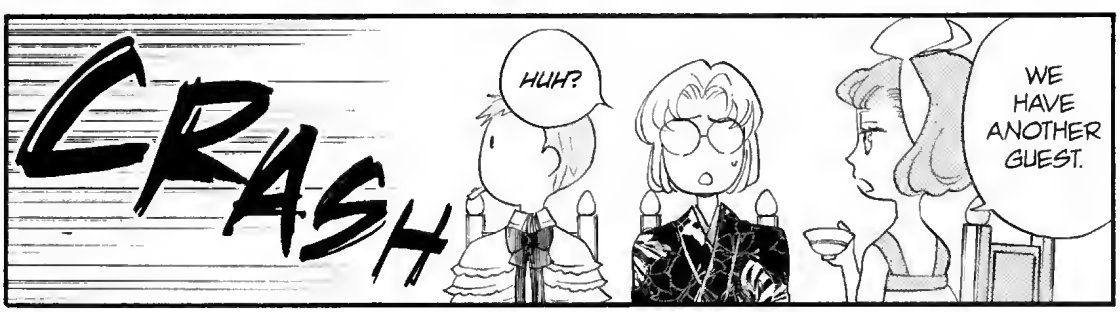
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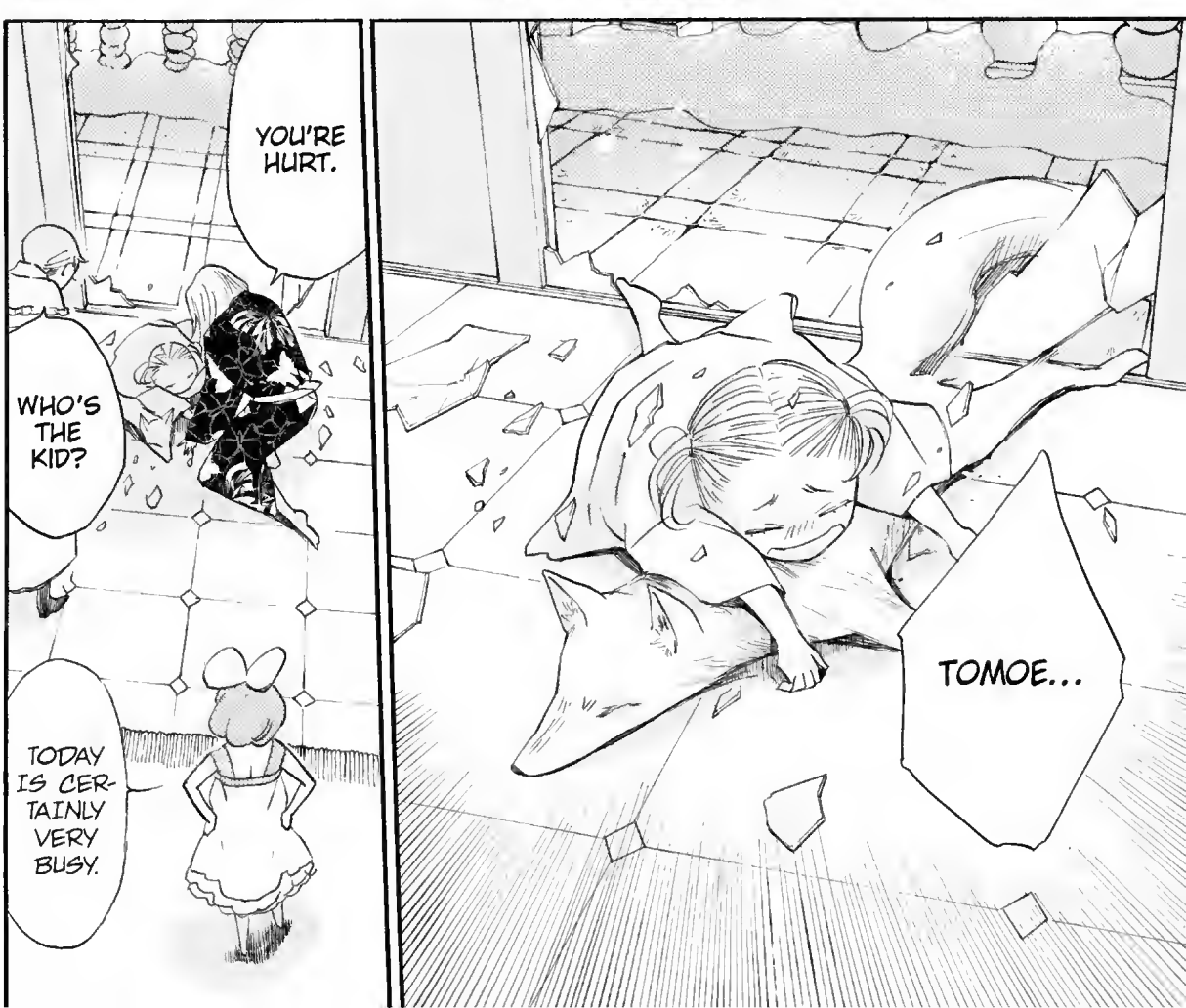
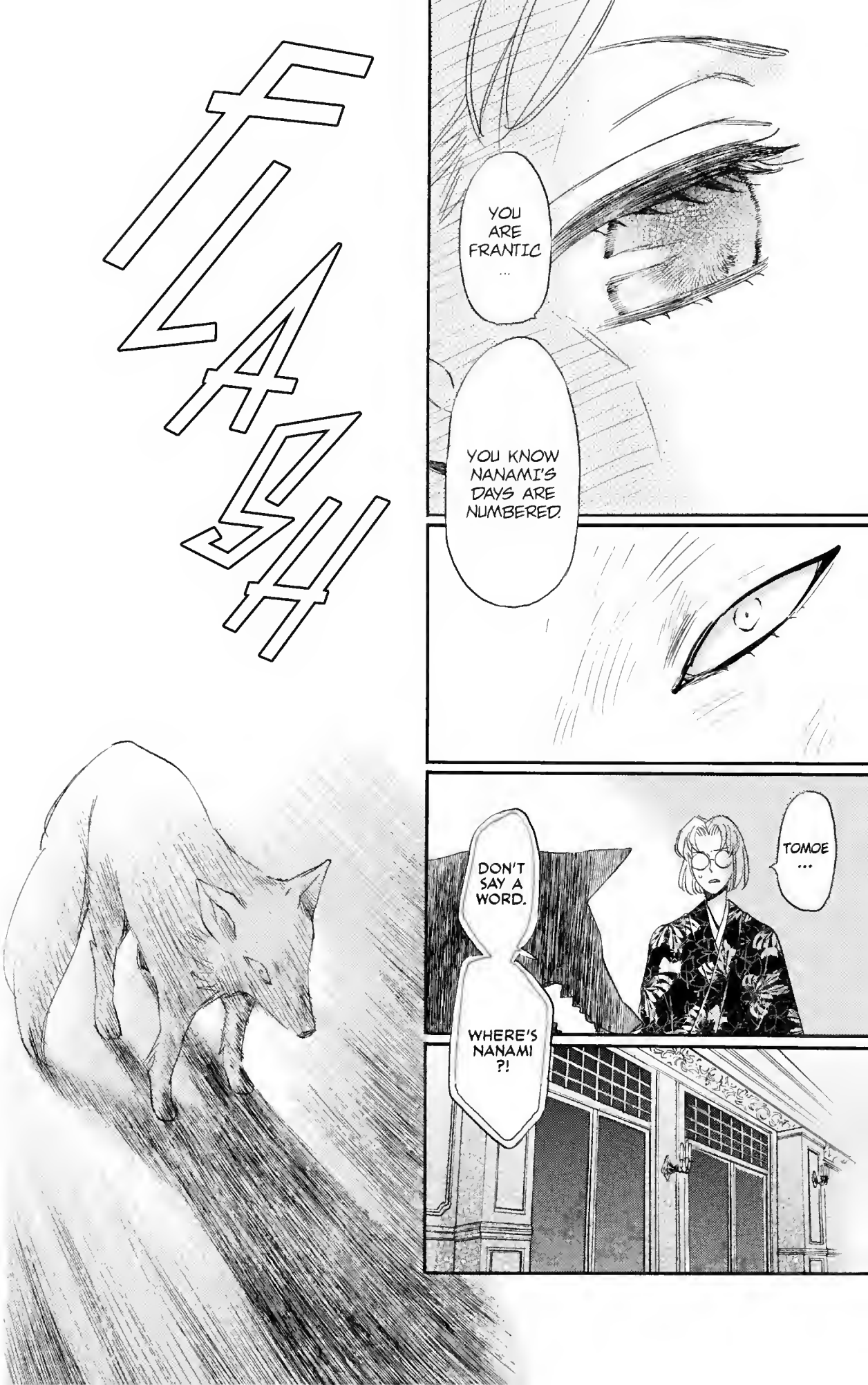
HUH?
WE HAVE ANOTHER GUEST.


YOU'RE HURT.
WHO'S THE KID?
TODAY IS CERTAINLY VERY BUSY.
TOMOE...

CHILD.
WHAT ARE YOU?
WHERE DID YOU WANDER IN FROM?
I'M SCAA-ARED.
HOW DARE YOU?
I DON'T CARE ABOUT THAT BRAT.
WHERE'S NANAMI ?!
TOMOE! HOW COULD YOU BE SO DIS-COURTEOUS IN FRONT OF IZANAMI-SAMA!
SO THIS IS THE FOX SHINSHI.
NANAMI IS NOT HERE.
SHE AND THE SNAKE WENT TO OPEN THE GATE.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YOU ARE FRANTIC ...
YOU KNOW NANAMI'S DAYS ARE NUMBERED.
TOMOE ...
DON'T SAY A WORD.
WHERE'S NANAMI ?!

NANAMI
...
...HAS OPENED THE GATE.
SHE ALWAYS SLIPS THROUGH MY FINGERS.

DO YOU THINK...
...I CAN'T DO ANYTHING FOR YOU...
...NANAMI?
I THOUGHT I FINALLY HAD YOU...
...BUT ARE YOU GOING TO SMILE AND LEAVE ME BEHIND THIS TIME TOO?

THE DARKNESS IS WANING...
WHAT'S GOING ON?

MUST BE NANAMI ...

Thank you for reading this far!

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I'll be waiting.

I blog and tweet, so take a look when you have time.

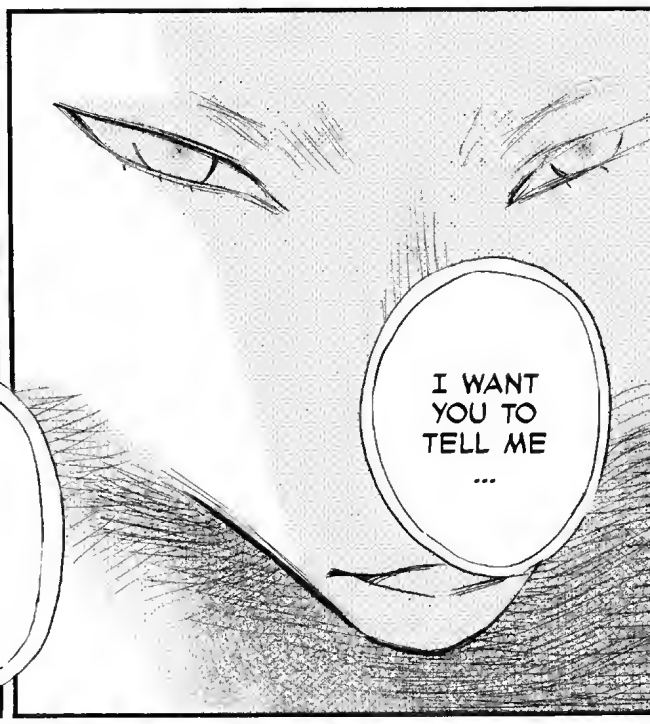
Now then
I hope we'll be able to meet again in the next volume..!

TOMOE!
OH?
TOMOE. YOU'RE HURT...
...
NANAMI.
DASH
I'M SO GLAD YOU'RE HERE, TOMOE.
YOU MUST'VE GOTTEN TIRED OF WAITING. I'M SORRY.

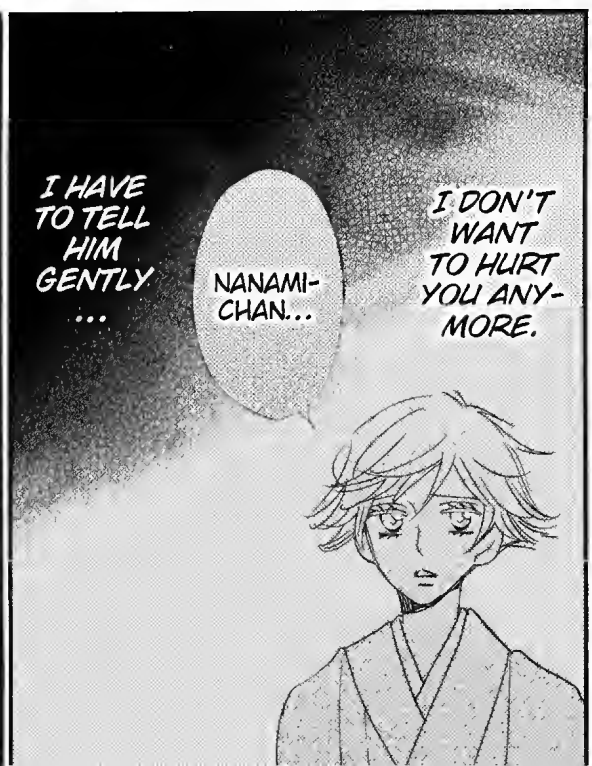
I HEARD YOU AREN'T GOING TO LIVE MUCH LONGER.
...AT THE WORST POSSIBLE MOMENT...
WHO TOLD YOU THAT?
A YOKAI NAMED YATORI.
HE'S QUES-TIONING ME...
TOMOE...

FORGET ABOUT THOSE TWO.
THEN YOU MUST'VE MET KIRIHITO TOO...
YOU MET YATORI?

...IF IT'S TRUE.

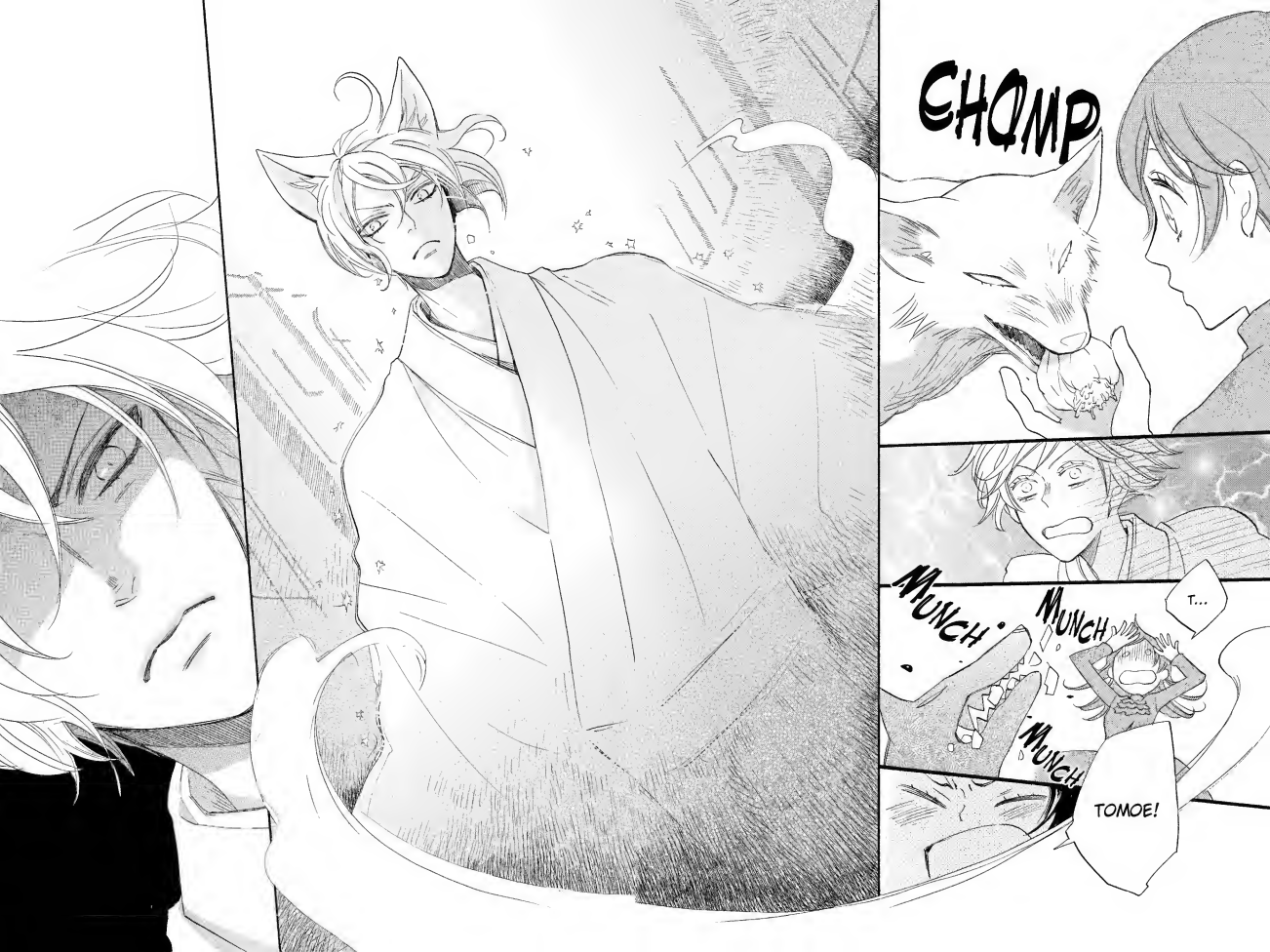

I WANT YOU TO TELL ME ...

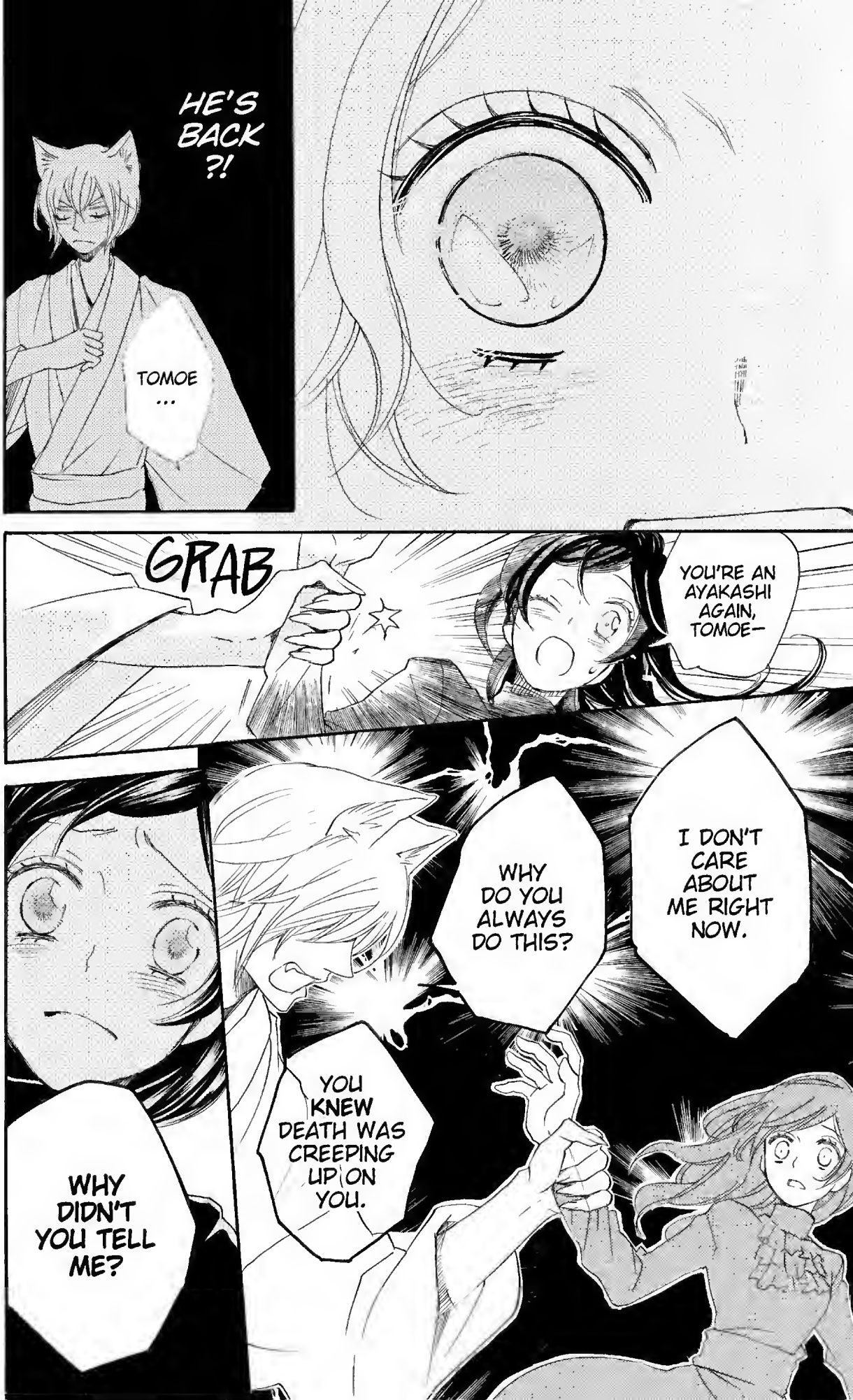
...SO IT DOESN'T SOUND TOO SERIOUS...
Y...


I HAVE TO TELL HIM GENTLY ...
NANAMI-CHAN...
I DON'T WANT TO HURT YOU ANY-MORE.

TOMOE.
DON'T LOOK LIKE THAT.

YEAH.
BUT I'VE GOT NERVES OF STEEL...
...SO I WON'T GO DOWN WITHOUT A FIGHT.
SO.
I'M FINE. I'M FINE!
BESIDES.
IZANAMI GAVE ME THIS BULB.
IT'S GROWING WELL. IT'S ALREADY SPROUTED.
GRR
IZANAMI SAID IF YOU EAT THE FLOWER...
...YOU'LL TURN BACK INTO AN AYAKASHI...

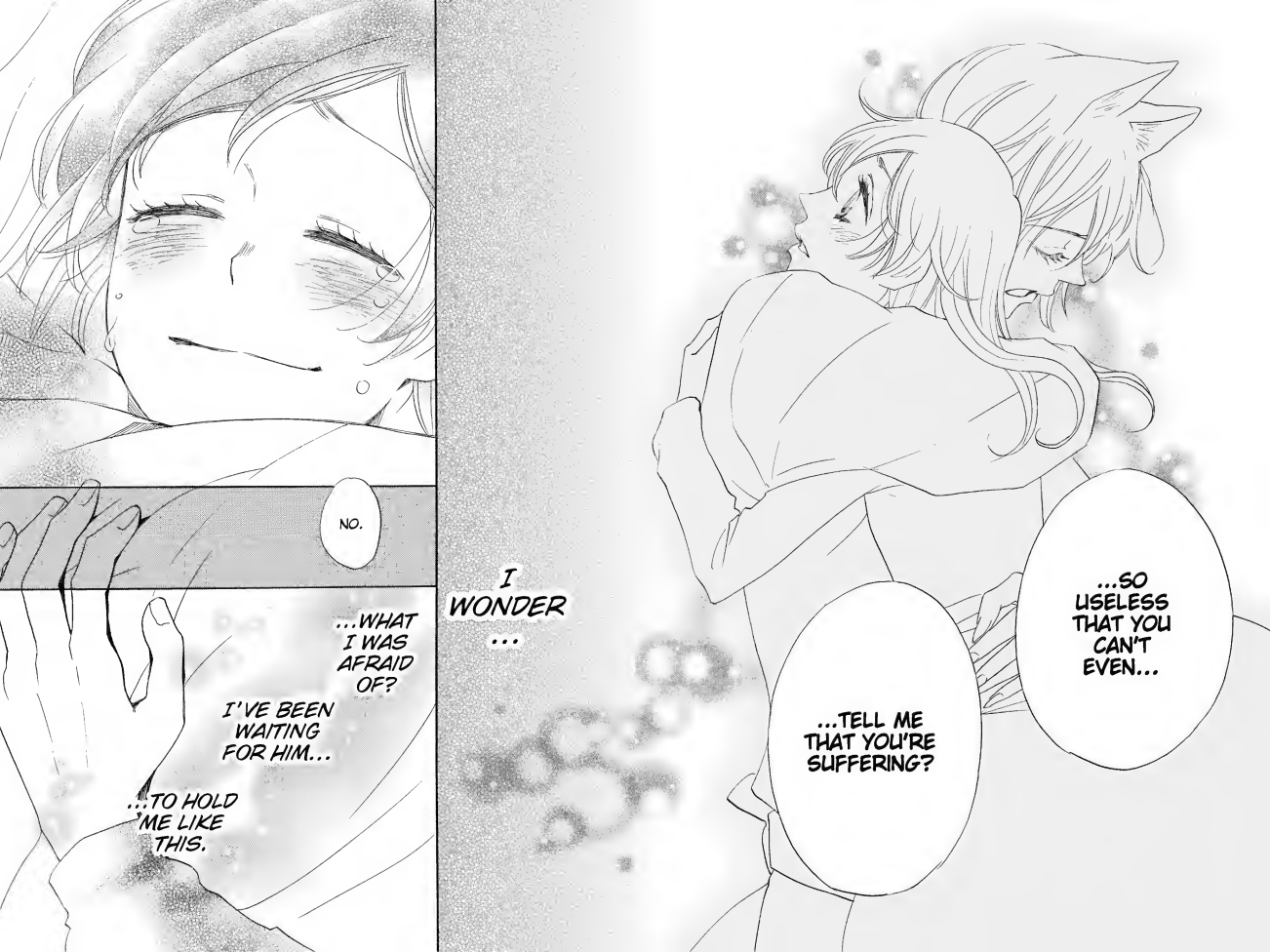

CHOMP
MUNCH
MUNCH
MUNCH
T...
TOMOE!

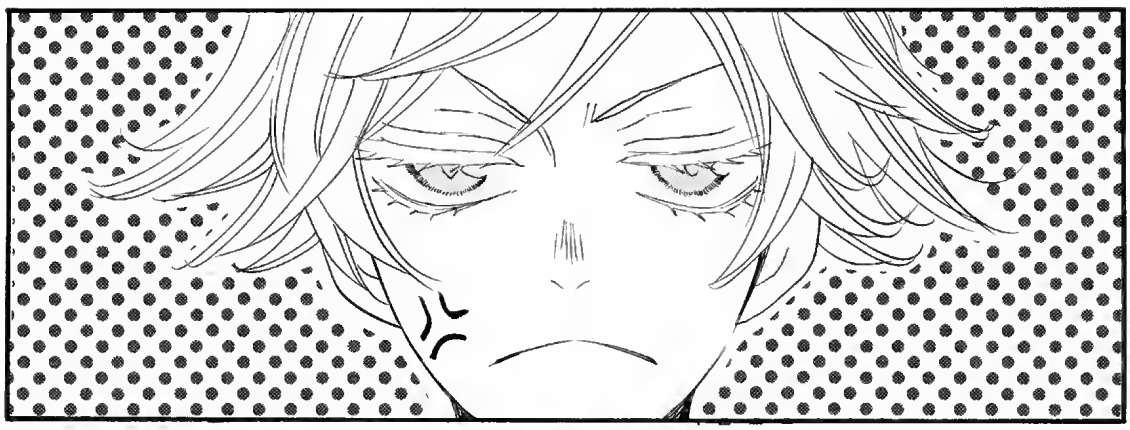

HE'S BACK ?!
TOMOE ...
GRAB
YOU'RE AN AYAKASHI AGAIN, TOMOE—
I DON'T CARE ABOUT ME RIGHT NOW.
WHY DO YOU ALWAYS DO THIS?
YOU KNEW DEATH WAS CREEPING UP ON YOU.
WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME?

YOU PROMISED YOU WOULDN'T KEEP SECRETS FROM ME.
WERE YOU GOING TO KEEP SMILING ...
...UNTIL YOU LEFT ME BEHIND LIKE LAST TIME?!

I TRIED TO GLOSS OVER THE TRUTH...
...BECAUSE I DIDN'T WANT TO HURT HIM...
...BUT I ENDED UP HURTING HIM EVEN MORE.
WHAT THE HELL AM I DOING...?

I'M SORRY ...
I DIDN'T WANT TO HURT YOU...
BUT I'M THE ONE WHO'S HURTING HIM THE MOST.
AM I...
I DON'T WANT YOU TO WORRY ABOUT ME OR BE SADDLED WITH A BURDEN.
...WANT TO LAUGH WITH YOU AND SPEND TIME TOGETHER.
I JUST...


NO.
...WHAT I WAS AFRAID OF?
I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR HIM...
...TO HOLD ME LIKE THIS.
I WONDER...
...TELL ME THAT YOU'RE SUFFERING?
...SO USELESS THAT YOU CAN'T EVEN...



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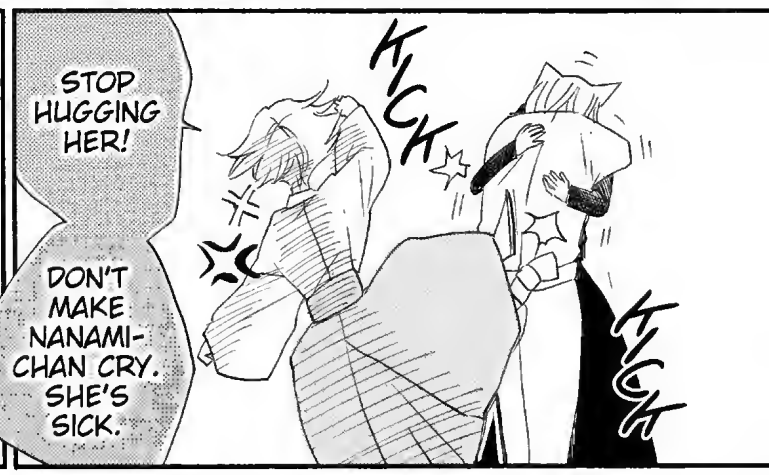
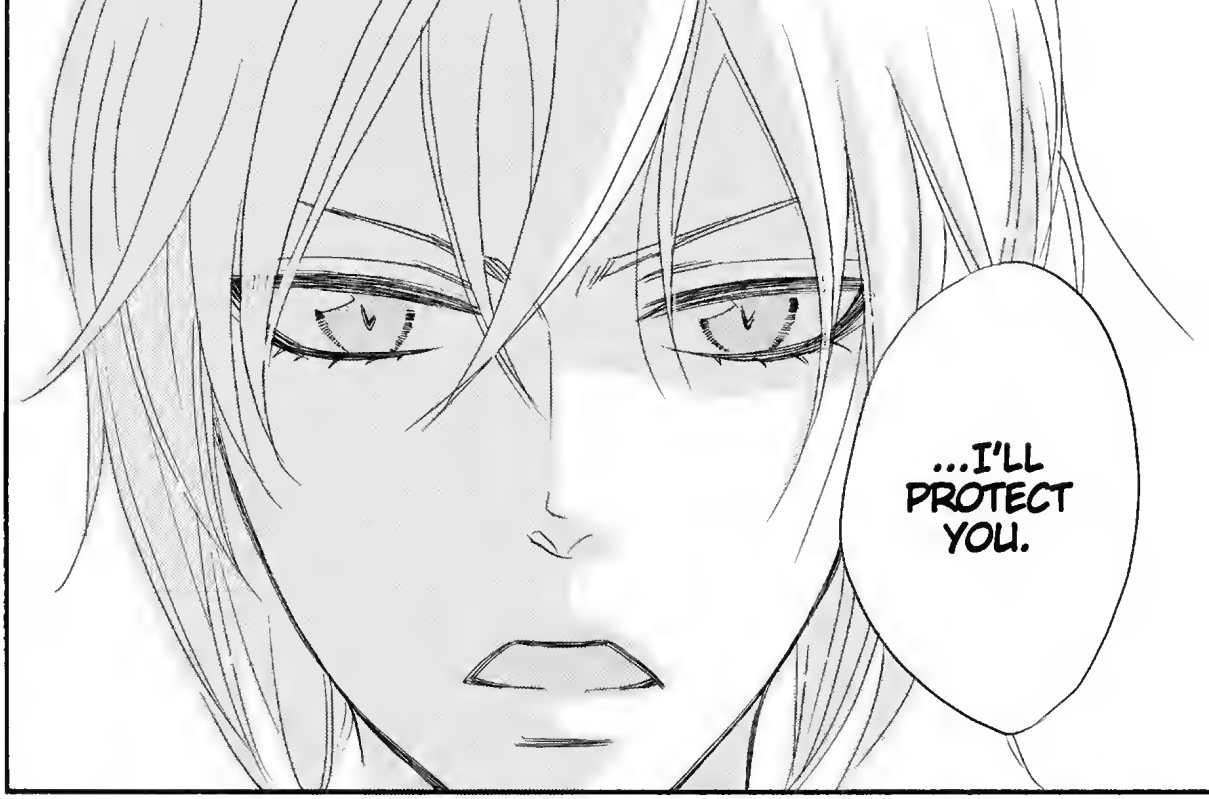

STOP HUGGING HER!
DON'T MAKE NANAMI-CHAN CRY. SHE'S SICK.
KICK
KICK

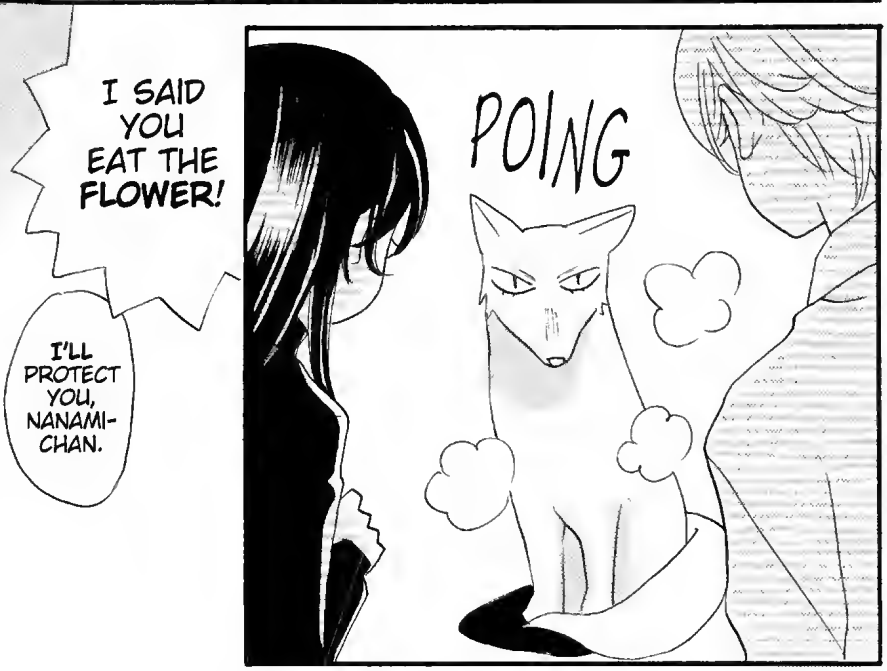
I CAN'T ...
...PROTECT NANAMI-CHAN BECAUSE YOU'RE ALWAYS IN THE WAY...

YOU COULDN'T PROTECT HER.

SO THE NUISANCE IS STILL HERE.
JUST SO YOU KNOW, NANAMI-CHAN IS DYING...
...BECAUSE SOMEONE SUCKED OUT HER LIFE FORCE.

...SO YOU DO YOUR JOB!
HMPH.
NO NEED TO TELL ME THAT.
IF NANAMI'S LIFE SPAN HAS BEEN SHORTENED BECAUSE HER LIFE FORCE WAS DRAINED...
...THEN THERE'S A WAY TO SAVE HER.
TOMOE ?
I PROMISE ...





THINGS AREN'T QUITE READY TO RETURN TO NORMAL ...

I'VE BEEN VERY BUSY SINCE EARLY THIS MORNING...
...BECAUSE MIKAGE IS GOING OUT TODAY.
I'M LEAVING NOW.
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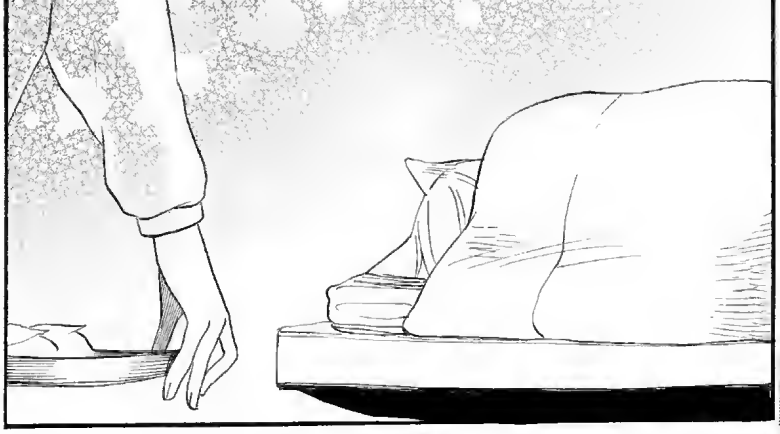
SEE YOU, MIKAGE-SAN.
I'LL RETURN TOMORROW MORNING.
MIKAGE ...
YOU'RE VISITING A KAMI FRIEND UP NORTH.
BRING BACK SOME STARCH SYRUP.

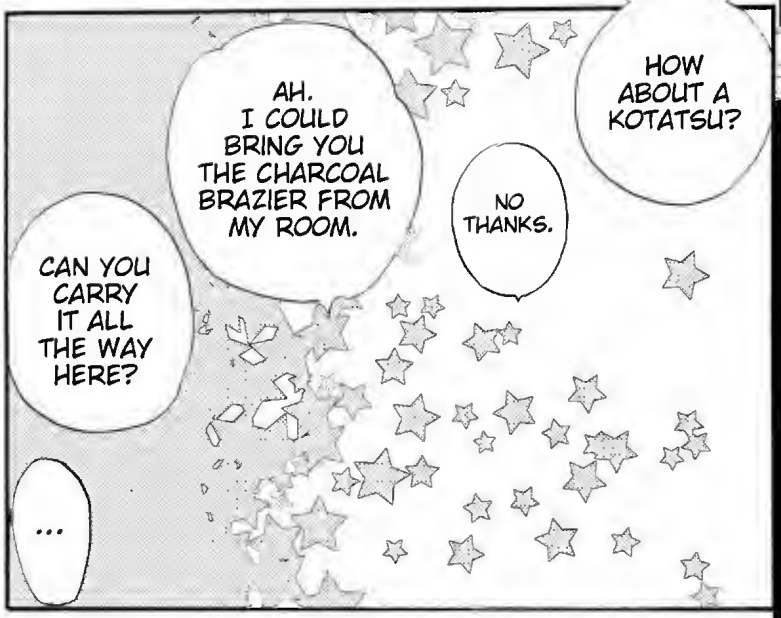
WHAT IS IT?
STARE
EX-ACTLY.
YES, THEIR STARCH SYRUP IS REALLY GOOD.
I WANT TO USE IT FOR COOKING.
OH, NOTH-ING.
AH...
I FEEL A LITTLE LAZY TODAY.
MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE OF THE SPRING WEATHER...
SIGH ...
IT TAKES TIME TO GET THINGS READY WHEN MIKAGE LEAVES.
TOMOE ...
TWITCH
THAT'S NANAMI'S VOICE...
...DOESN'T MIND ASKING MIKAGE-SAN FOR FAVORS.
BUT HE'S NEVER EVEN ASKED ME TO GET TAKOYAKI.

RATTLE
NOT TO WORRY, I'LL BE YOUR BABY...
THAT EVIL SNAKE IS RUNNING HIS MOUTH OFF AGAIN...
NO, THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEAN...
DO YOU WANT TO BE TOMOE-KUN'S MOM?
HE MUST FEEL LIKE A CHILD WITH MIKAGE-SAMA.
STOMP
STOMP
TOMOE...
Ah.
HOW ABOUT SOME TEA?
TMP
HOW CAN SHE BE SO STUPID ...?
I'LL TAKE A NAP, SINCE I'M TIRED AFTER PREPARING FOR MIKAGE'S OUTING.
LUNCH IS ON THE TABLE, SO EAT WHENEVER YOU WANT.

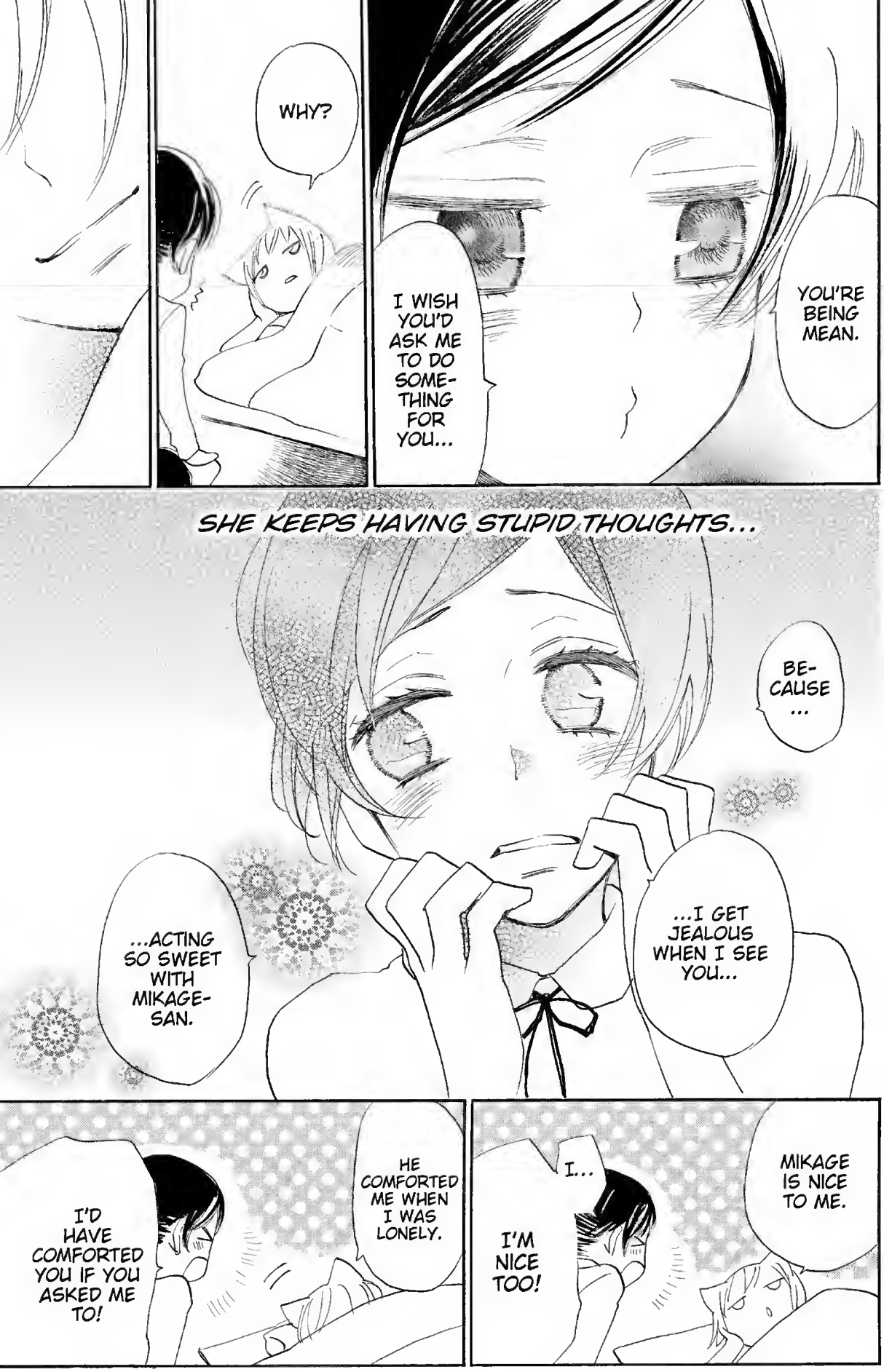


TOMOE, ARE YOU ASLEEP?
THANKS FOR WORKING SO HARD THIS MORNING.
I MADE SOME SASA-MOCHI. I'LL LEAVE THEM HERE.

WELL, I DEFROSTED THEM ANYWAY.
...
YOUR ROOM IS A BIT COLD, ISN'T IT?

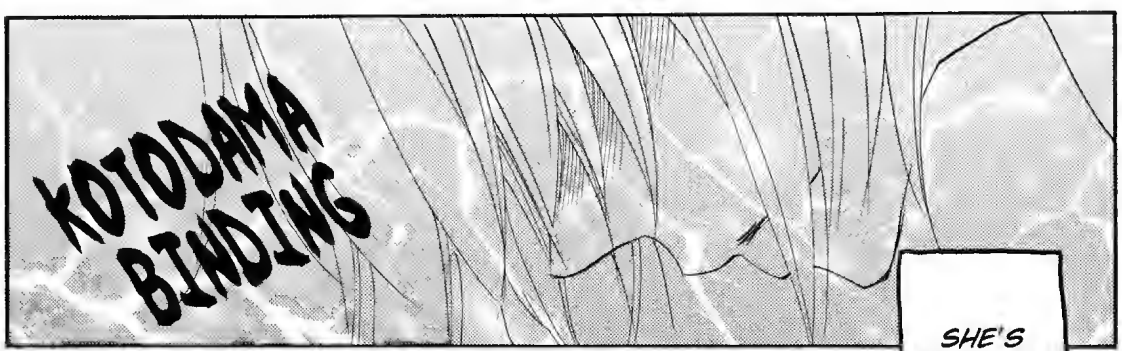

HOW ABOUT A KOTATSU?
NO THANKS.
AH. I COULD BRING YOU THE CHARCOAL BRAZIER FROM MY ROOM.
CAN YOU CARRY IT ALL THE WAY HERE?
...

NANAMI...
...IS SUCH A FOOL.
SIGH


WHY?
I WISH YOU'D ASK ME TO DO SOME-THING FOR YOU...
YOU'RE BEING MEAN.
SHE KEEPS HAVING STUPID THOUGHTS...
BE-CAUSE ...
...I GET JEALOUS WHEN I SEE YOU...
...ACTING SO SWEET WITH MIKAGE-SAN.
I'D HAVE COMFORTED YOU IF YOU ASKED ME TO!
HE COMFORTED ME WHEN I WAS LONELY.
I...
I'M NICE TOO!
MIKAGE IS NICE TO ME.

YEAH.
GRAB
GYA-AAH!
SO...
COM-FORT ME.
MY CUTE NANAMI.
YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE...
...I CAN ASK...
...FOR THIS.

I'M SO EMBARRASSED...
...I LOVE YOU SO MUCH.
R...
REALLY?
YES...
NOW LULL ME TO SLEEP.
HEH HEH.
SURE.
IF YOU'RE WITH ME...
...I DON'T NEED ANYTHING ELSE—



...STUPID AND CUTE!

THAT'S MY NANAMI.

End of Special Episode

The Otherworld

Ayakashi **is an archaic term for yokai.**

Kami **are Shinto deities or spirits. The word can be used for a range of creatures, from nature spirits to strong and dangerous gods.**

Kitsunebi **is literally "foxfire" and are the flames controlled by fox yokai.**

Kotodama **- is literally "word spirit," the spiritual power believed to dwell in words. In Shinto, the words you speak are believed to affect reality.**

Onibi-warashi **are like will-o'-the-wisps.**

Shikigami **are spirits that are summoned and employed by onmyoji (yin-yang sorcerers).**

Shinshi **are birds, beasts, insects or fish that have a special relationship with a kami.**

Tengu **are a type of yokai. They are sometimes associated with excess pride.**

Tochigami **(or *jinushigami*) are deities of a specific area of land.**

Yokai **are demons, monsters or goblins.**

Honorifics

-chan **is a diminutive most often used with babies, children or teenage girls.**

-dono **roughly means "my lord," although not in the aristocratic sense.**

-kun **is used by persons of superior rank to their juniors. It can sometimes have a familiar connotation.**

-san **is a standard honorific similar to Mr., Mrs., Miss or Ms.**

-sama **is used with people of much higher rank.**

Notes

Page 23, panel 5: Izunami
Japanese goddess of creation and death, and wife of creator god Izanagi. She died giving birth to Kagu-tsuchi (a fire deity) and now rules the land of the dead.

Page 29, panel 2: Ama-no-iwato
The cave where Amaterasu retreated when her brother Susano'o was behaving badly. It literally means "Amaterasu's cave."

Page 51, panel 2: Izumo
A city in Shimane Prefecture and home to Izumo Oyashiro shrine, one of the most sacred sites in Shinto. Ôkuninushi (Daikokuten) is the kami enshrined in Izumo Oyashiro.

Page 191, panel 3: Starch syrup
Called *mizuame* ("water candy") in Japanese, it is a thick liquid sweetener made when starch is converted to sugars.

Page 192, panel 6: Takoyaki
Dough balls with pieces of octopus in them. They are made using a hot plate and are often sold at Japanese festivals. *Tako* means "octopus" in Japanese.

Page 194, panel 3: Sasamochi
***Mochi* (sticky rice cakes) wrapped in *sasa* (bamboo leaves).**

Page 194, panel 5: Kotatsu
A low, wooden table frame with an electric heat source underneath. A futon or quilt is placed on the frame to keep the heat in, and a table is put on top of the futon.

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